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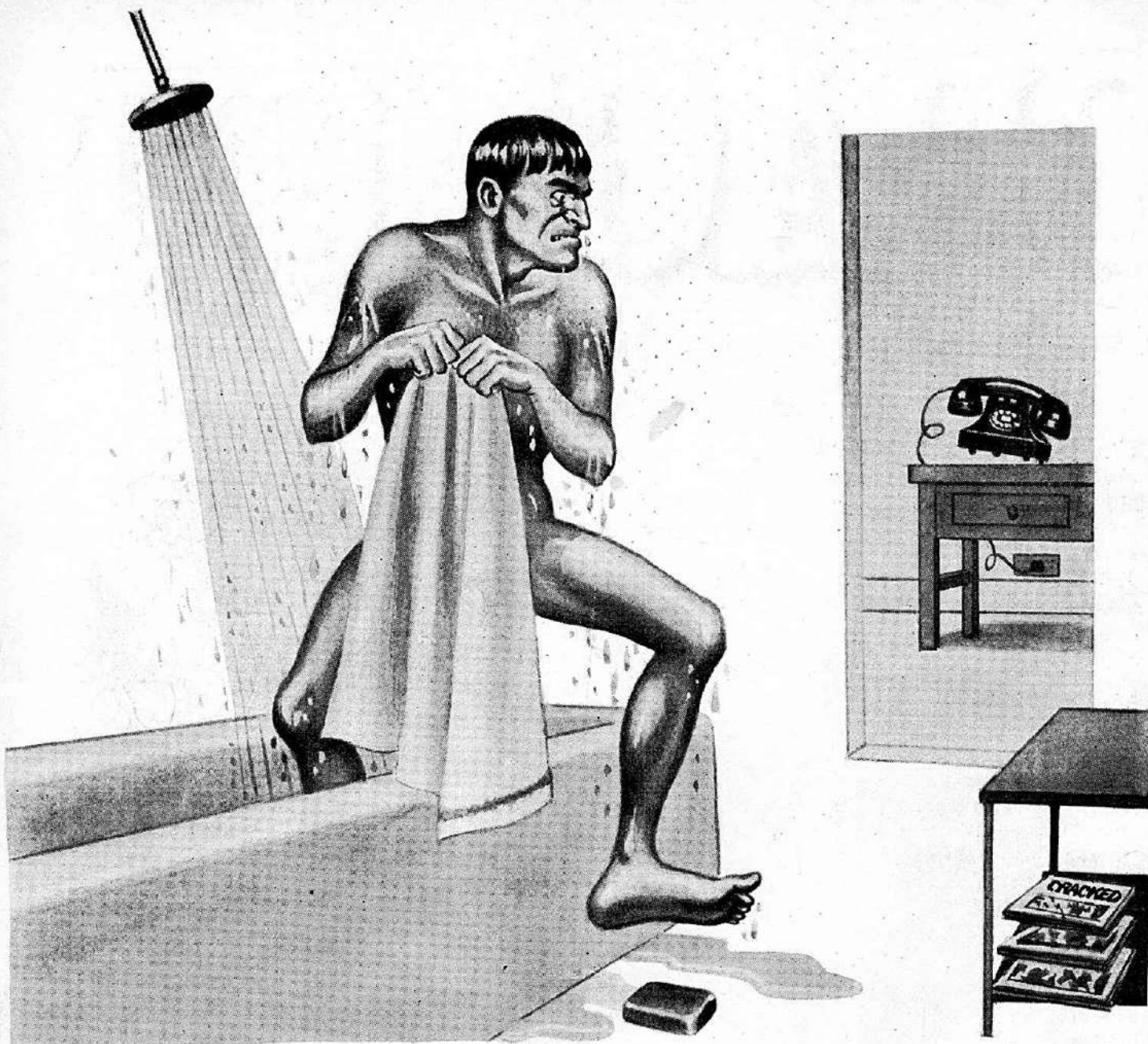
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IF RACKETEERS TOOK OVER CHILDREN. A

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ing suggestions on how to get rid of old TV shows that have been around too long. Now we need some suggestions on how to get rid of the writer—as he's been around too long! 15

JUDO. The art of Judo, which teaches you the art of strangle holding, the art of gouging out an eye, the art of hacking the belly, etc., — so like you too can become a sensitive young artist! . . . 25

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of vignettes showing all kinds of irritating pests you find in restaurants. Drawn by an artist right in the restaurant — where he was the most irritating pest of all! 32



LETTERS...



Old Cracked Barrel

**WHERE READER
AND EDITOR PUT
THEIR FEET UP AND
BLOW OFF STEAM**

Dear Editor:

How come you repeated an article?
"How to meet your next door neighbor"
appeared in the last issue and also
in Cracked No. 2. Why? Why? Hah?
Hah?

Sylvia Gold
Lakewood, N. J.

Ed. Note: Because new neighbors
moved in the building! That's why
why! Hah! Hah!

Editor,

Just want to tell you that I never
miss your magazine. I never
read it and I never miss it—so
there!

Harvey Larkin
Cheyenne, Wyoming



Dear Sirs:

I have just finished reading the
last issue of CRACKED. I must admit
that I've never read anything
so funny since the last issue.

Tom Sellers



Dear Ed.,

Your credit cards article was hilarious!
Why not credit cards for subscriptions
to Cracked?

Betty Silon
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Ed. Note: Your letter was hilarious!
Why not take your business elsewhere?

Dear Cracked:

Your "Horror House" page says "Read
Ad" But like I think it's funnier than
any of your other pages!

C. Dracula
Intra, Venus

Ed. Note: Can't say we feel the same
about your letter!



Dear Editor,

I don't care what anybody says! I think
your magazine makes sense!

Harry Levenstein
Ward B
Mattawan State Hospital
New York.

Dear Cracked:

Thought your article on ancient psy-
chiatry was fine. I am a psychoanalyst
and I would like to know more about
the fellow who wrote it. The work is a
classic case of Dementia Praecox.

Joseph Sacher, PhD.
Monticello, N. Y.

Ed. Note: We'd be glad to arrange
visiting yours.



Dear Editor,

You keep telling us when it all started
— but like how did Cracked start???

Joe & Frances Zelig
Los Angeles, Cal.

Ed. Note: Start what???

Dear Ed:

Took your test to see if I was still carry-
ing the torch. I'm afraid I am.

Prometheus Bound
Athens, Greece

Ed. Note: Say! That's pretty hot stuff!!!

Dear Editor:

I'm a great fan of yours. Some friends
were making fun of Cracked and I said
that Cracked is not to be laughed at!

Mike Handyman
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Ed:

Whatever happened to Paul Laikin —
who used to be listed as your first
writer???

His Mother
Times Square, N. Y.

Ed. Note: He made good! See the title
page!!



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24"-27"	B.S.	27"-31"	B.M.	31"-34"	B.L.

MEN & WOMEN

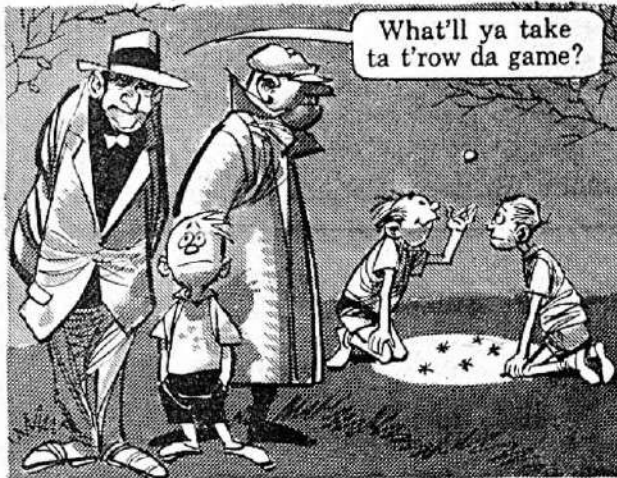
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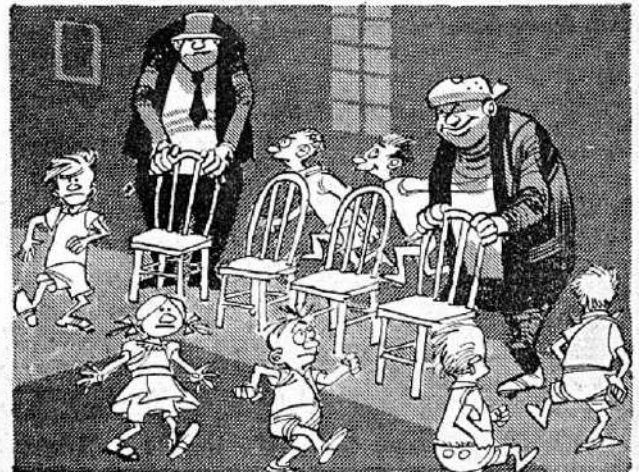
It's a known fact that the Crime Syndicate has infiltrated into practically every industry in America. It's also a known fact that

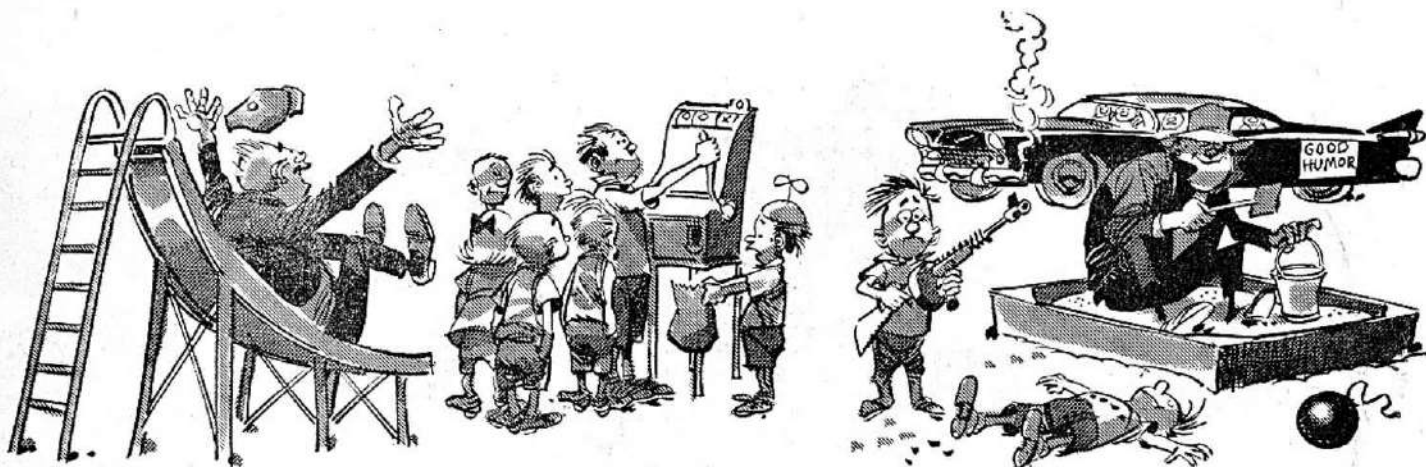
IF RACKETEERS TOOK OVER

GANGSTERS WILL START BY MUSCLING IN ON CHILDREN'S GAMES...



Musical chair games will be fixed

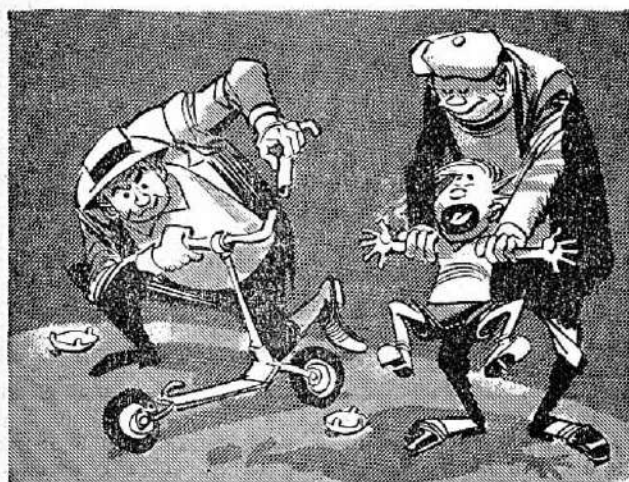




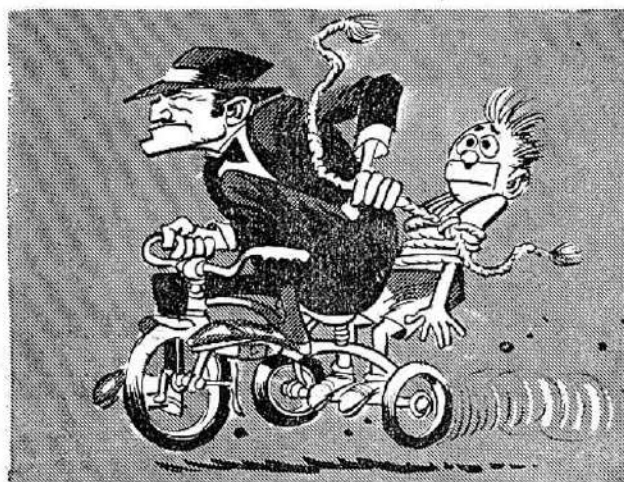
the children's market is one of the biggest money-making industries in America. So like we can just imagine how it would be

THE CHILDREN'S WORLD

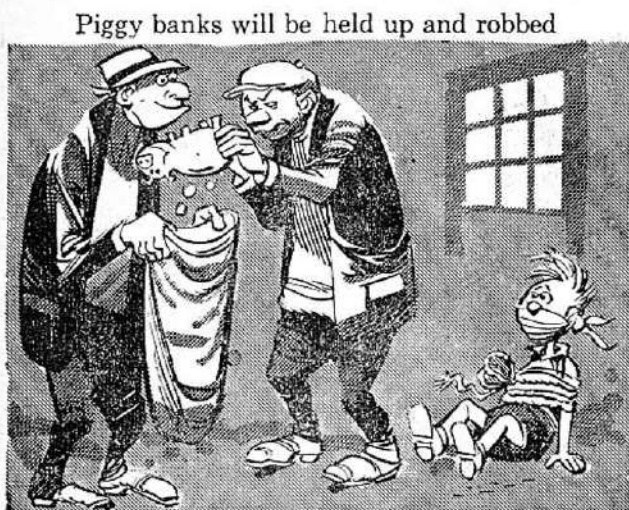
VISCIOUS STRONG-ARM TACTICS WILL BE USED EVERYWHERE...



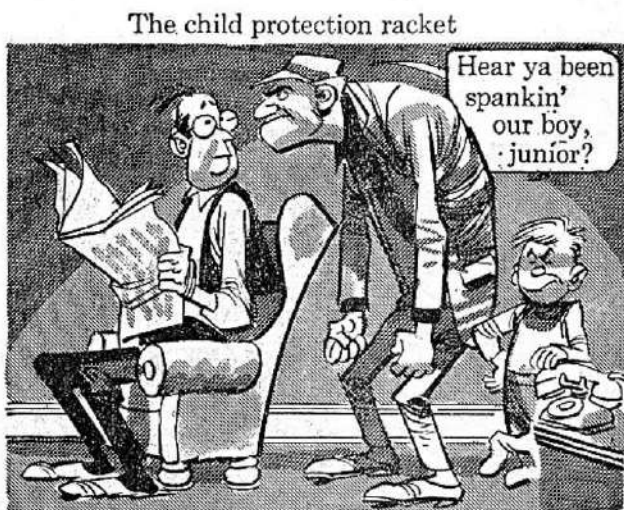
Scooters will be hijacked and looted



Uncooperative kids will be taken for a ride



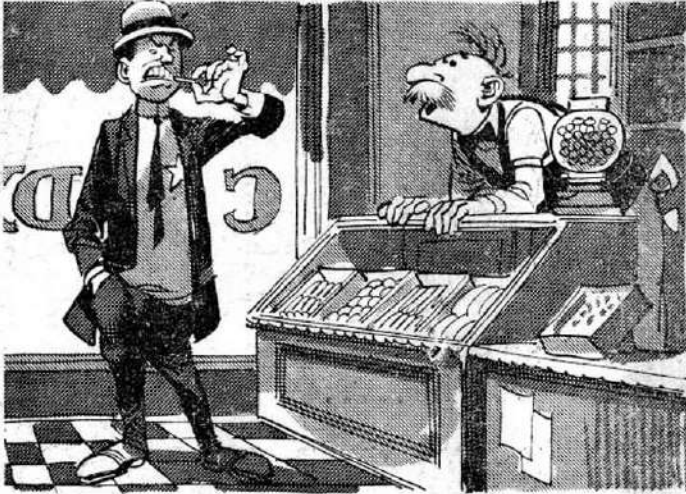
Piggy banks will be held up and robbed



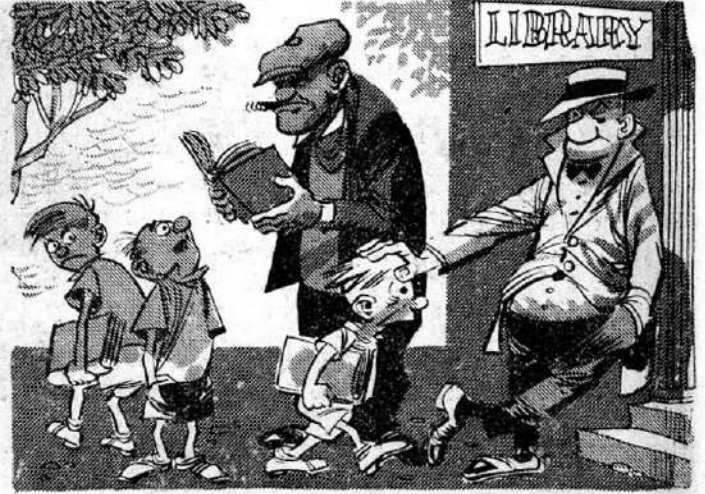
The child protection racket

Hear ya been spankin' our boy, junior?

**SOON STARTLING CHANGES WILL AFFECT OUR ECONOMY
THE MOB WILL EVEN TAKE OVER THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

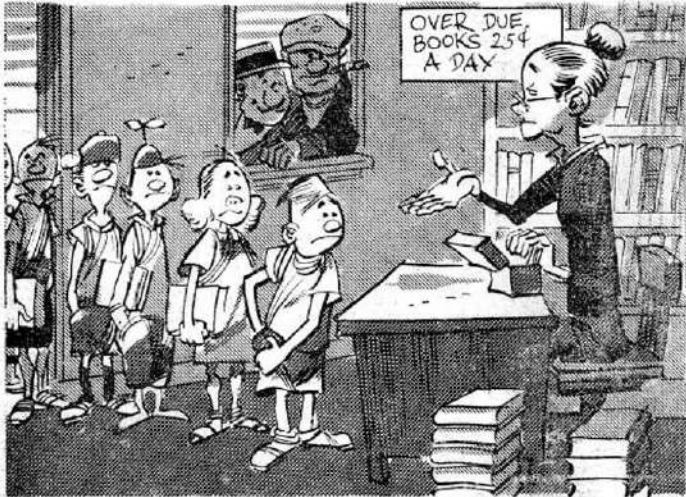


Counterfeit pennies will flood the market

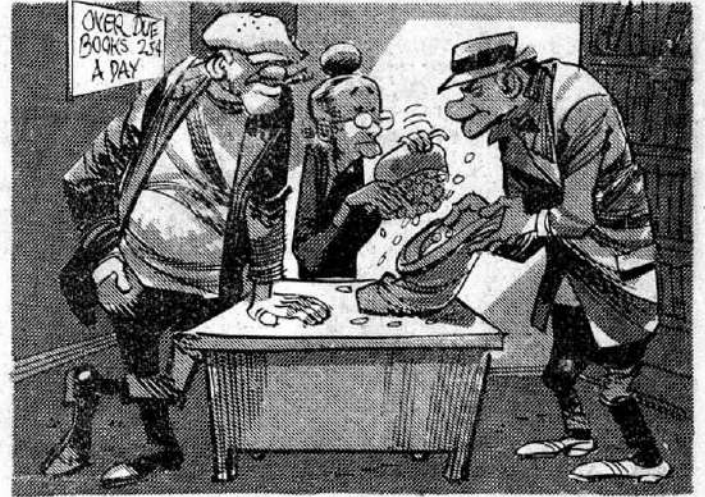


Kids coming to return books will be stopped

A percentage on late books will be taken

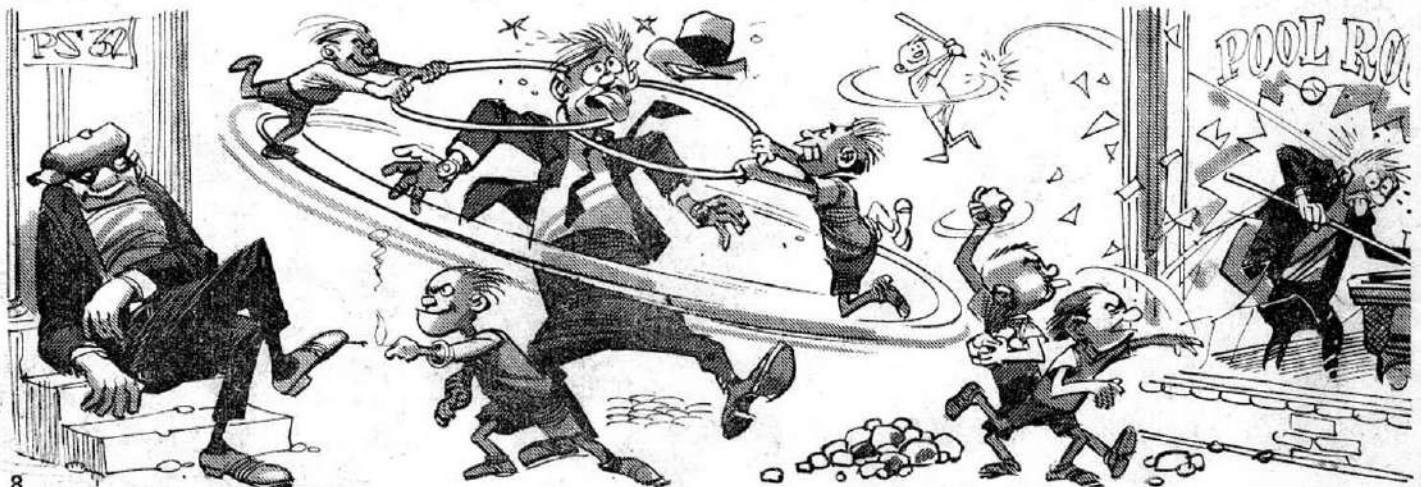


Result is that every book will be overdue and fined

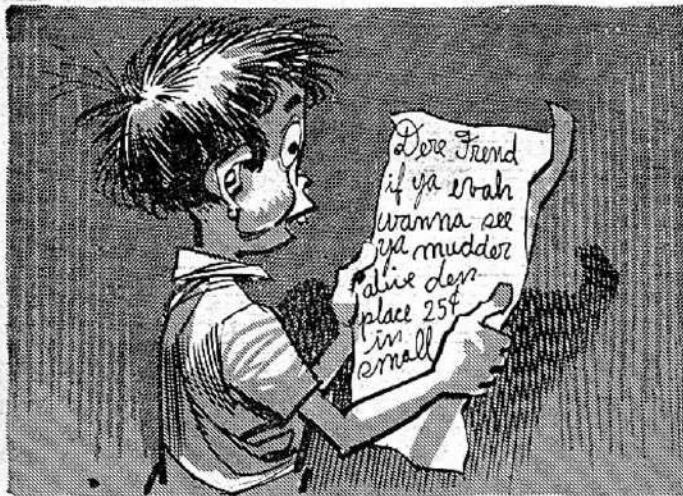


ONLY WAY OUT FOR THE KIDS

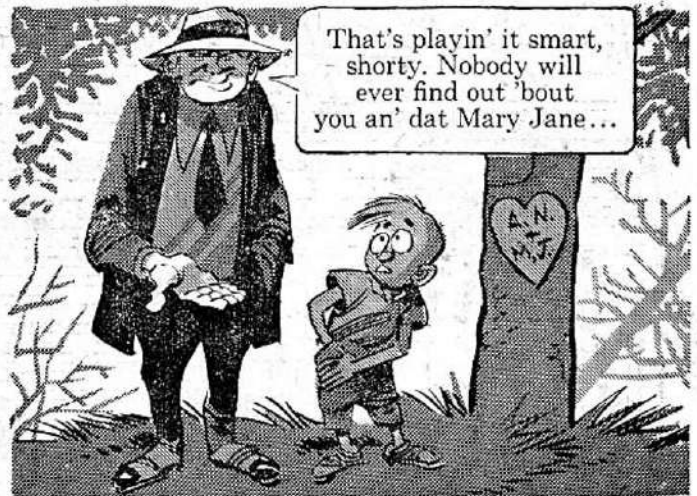
Underground movements can be formed for sabotage



**THIS WILL LEAD TO NEWLY CREATED BIG- TIME RACKETS
A WAVE OF TERROR WILL SOON GRIP OUR CHILDREN**

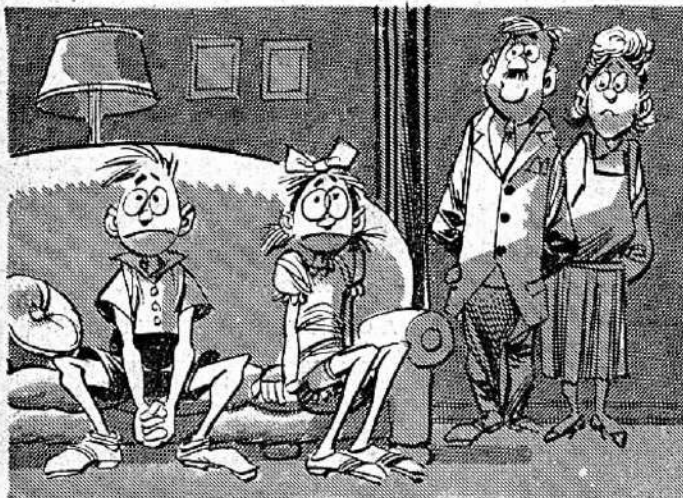


Parents will be kidnapped and ransom notes sent

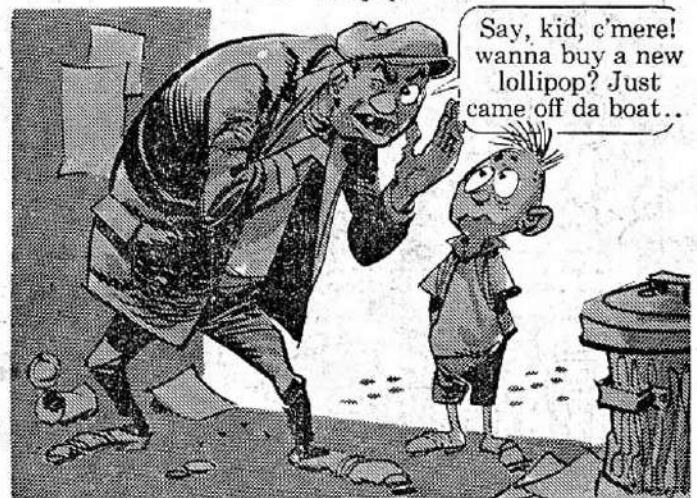


The penny shakedown racket

Kids will be afraid to talk for fear of retaliation to parents



The "hot" lollipop racket

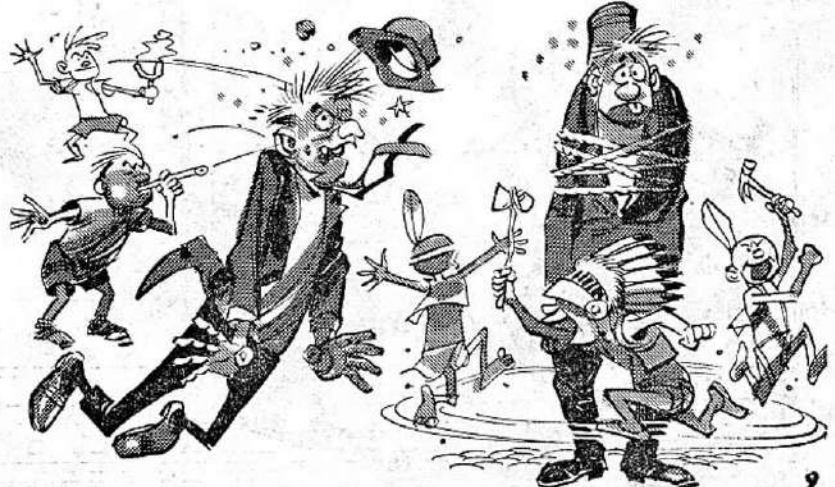


IS ORGANIZED RESISTANCE...

Hitting vital hoodlum areas will weaken their forces



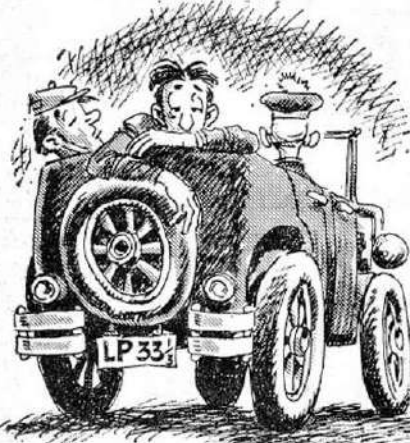
Sheer strength of number will win in open warfare



The Beat Generation is getting bigger and bigger all the time.
We predict that soon, all states will realize this vast market po-

STATE POSTERS

MICHIGAN
is the most!



LAND OF THE HOT RODS

Catch
Connecticut



BE A BEAT COMMUTER

GEORGIA
IS GROOVY!



A CRAZY COTTON-PICKIN' STATE

MAN! it's **MISSOURI**



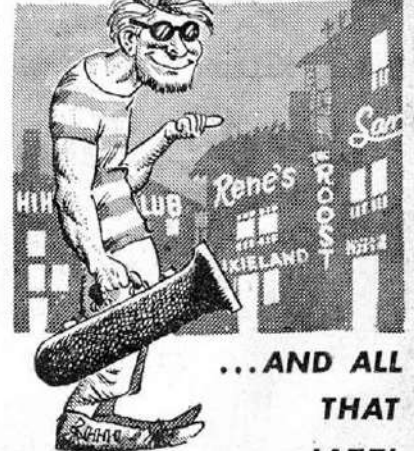
...GOOF OFF IN THE OZARKS!

Rhode Island
ROCKS



LIKE IT'S SMALL—
BUT IT MAKES IT!

Like
LOUISIANA
is the Scene!



...AND ALL
THAT
JAZZ!

tential, and try to get the beatniks to come to their state.
When this happens, we suggest...

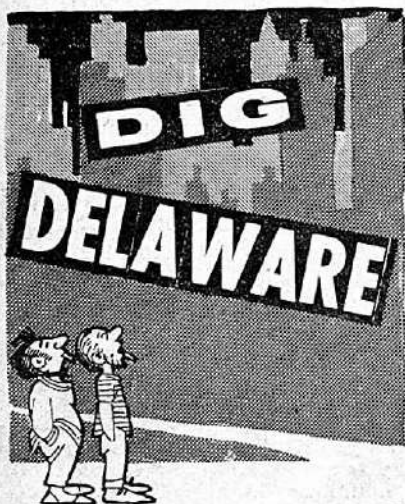
to lure the Beat Generation

Florida is Far Out!



BLOW CHESS UNDER THE MIAMI SUN...

THINK AHEAD MAN



YOU'LL FLIP, MAN!

**ACTION
IN
ARIZONA**



WILD PARTIES IN THE
GRAND CANYON!

MAINE makes it!



LIKE IT'S THE COOLEST!

CALIFORNIA
is crazy!



...LIKE THE SMOG SWINGS

BRITTY WUZ HERE
SO WAS PAHLS

COLORADO
comes on



THINGS HAPPEN IN THE ROCKIES

DIG
THAT
LAWRENCE
WELK

Elder—

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AND OTHER HOBBIES

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SHOULD KNOW
ABOUT POISON GAS

WHALE HUNTING
AND YOU

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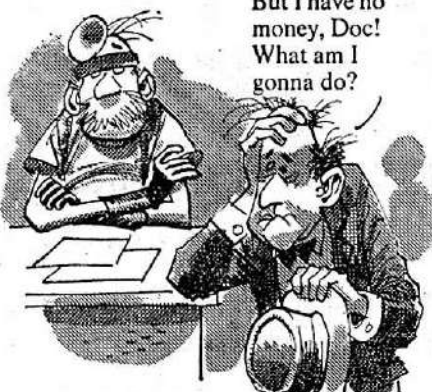
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STORY OF THE MONTH...

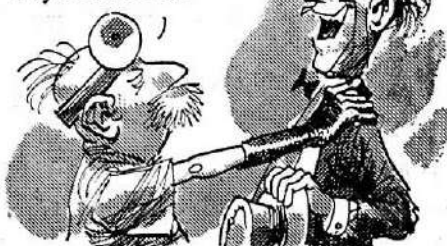
I'm afraid you'll have to undergo a rather expensive operation, Mr. Blech.



But I have no money, Doc! What am I gonna do?



Say! I have an idea. I know a producer who wants to televise an operation. I can get him to do yours. It's free.



Got bad news for you, honey. Doc says I gotta have an operation.



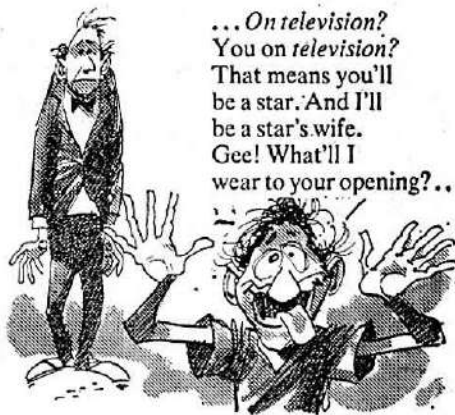
An operation? More money? A husband I got he should only bust ...

But honey, it's for free. I'm having it on television. It won't cost a cent.

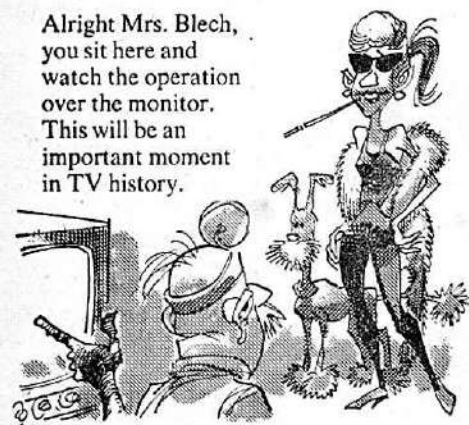


... I work my fingers to the bone and what do I ...

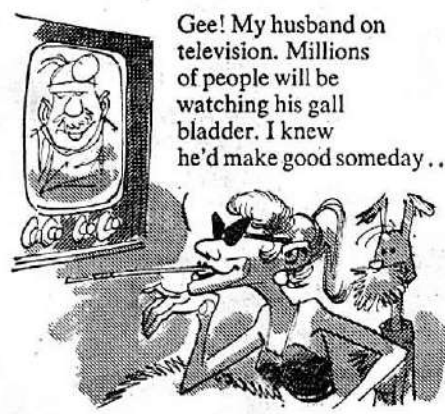
... On television? You on television? That means you'll be a star. And I'll be a star's wife. Gee! What'll I wear to your opening? ...



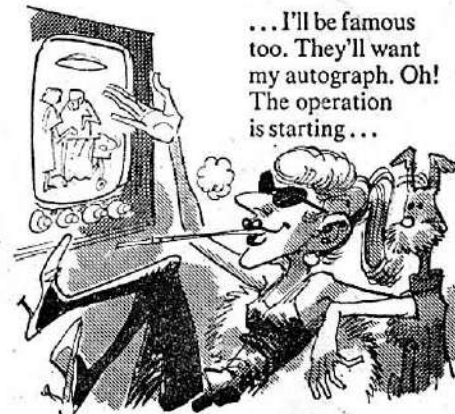
Alright Mrs. Blech, you sit here and watch the operation over the monitor. This will be an important moment in TV history.



Gee! My husband on television. Millions of people will be watching his gall bladder. I knew he'd make good someday ...



... I'll be famous too. They'll want my autograph. Oh! The operation is starting ...



Mrs. Blech, I'm afraid I have bad news for you. The operation was a failure. Your husband is dead.



Sol? My husband? Dead?



Well — That's Show Business!



Everybody needs an outlet for self-expression. People who go out to work usually find it in their jobs. But the poor housewife who stays at home and does the same routine, day-in and day-out, almost always remains unsatisfied. That's because she doesn't know how to use ...

Creative



Disgusting work like cleaning the windows can become quite pleasant, if only you'd try ...

Creative Window Cleaning

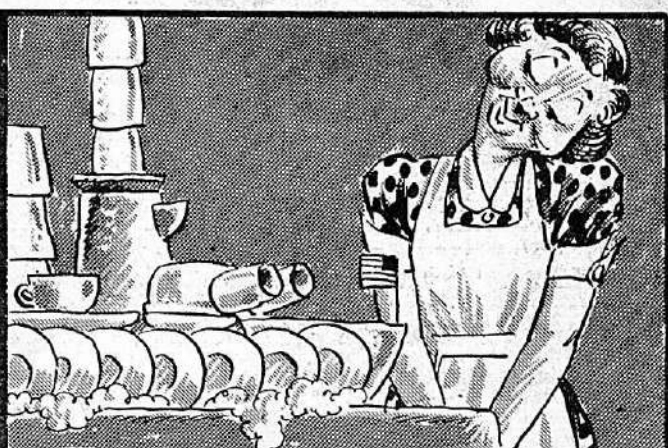


Before you clean the window, assorted doodlings in the dust will prove a wonderful release ...



A heretofore boring task like washing dishes can be jolly fun, if you switch now to ...

Creative Dishwashing



Stacking the dishes in interesting ways to build different forms will also satisfy an artistic need.



Daily labor of washing and ironing would be ever so much more appealing, with

Creative Washing and Ironing



Hanging clothes in various ways around the room gives you a keen sense of balance and design ...

HOUSEKEEPING



A tedious chore like peeling potatoes can be easily transformed into an art, by using . . .

Creative Potato Peeling

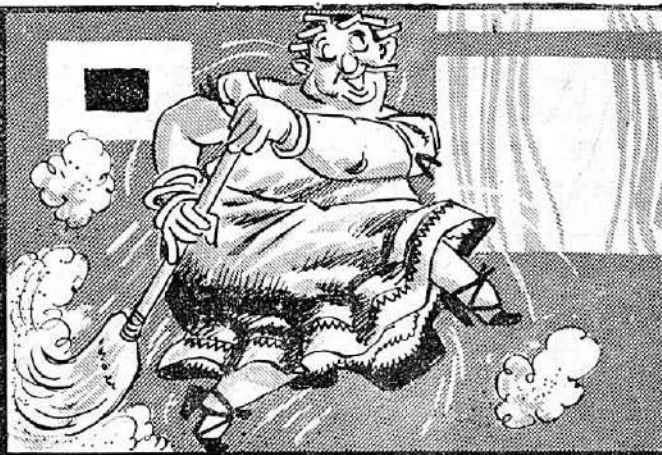


There is a wealth of interesting shapes and designs you can make to express your artistic nature.



Annoying daily jobs like dusting and sweeping can be made more beautiful, by simply applying . . .

Creative Sweeping



Imagine yourself a ballet dancer as you romp around the room in graceful, sweeping strides.



After you've finished all your tasks and are still bored, with nothing to do, then try . . .

Creative Boredom



You'll find the dramatic release of your tensions thru tantrums, to be a most exhilarating experience.

A lot of people have been complaining that they keep seeing the same shows on television week after week. The cry is for new formats, new faces, new blood. We predict the sponsors will soon be pressured into dropping a few of the old standby shows whose ratings have slipped, in favor of the newer programs. When this happens, we'd like to suggest a few ...

ENDINGS

THE MILLIONAIRE



LASSIE



THE LINEUP



FOR OLD TV SHOWS

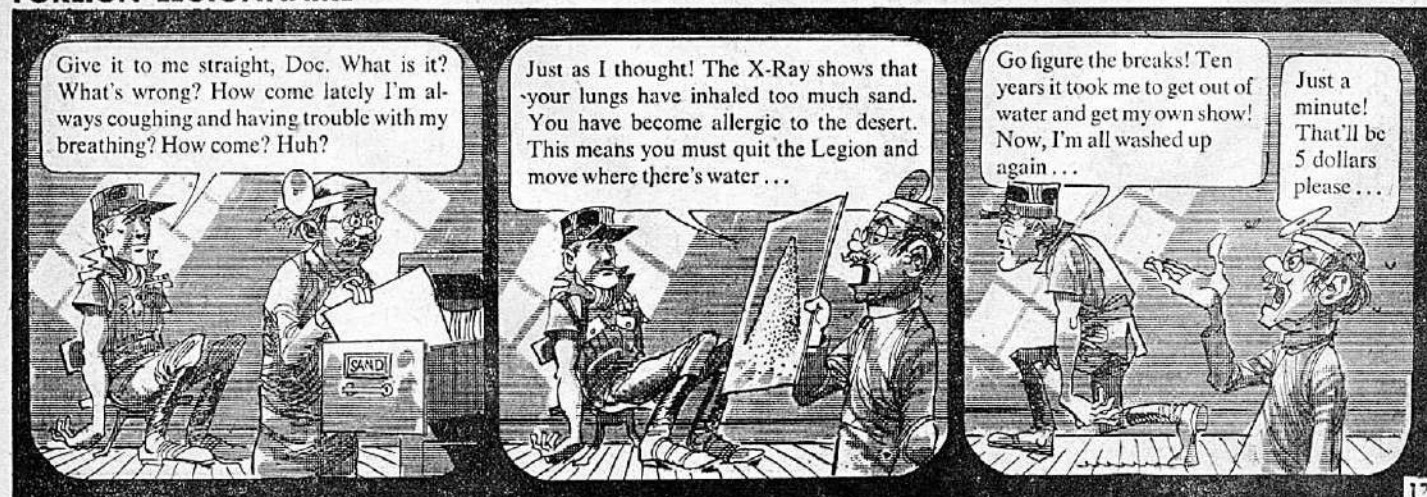
HAVE GUN, WILL TRAVEL



THE PHIL SILVERS SHOW



FOREIGN LEGIONNAIRE



HIGHWAY PATROL



MEDIC



RACKET SQUAD

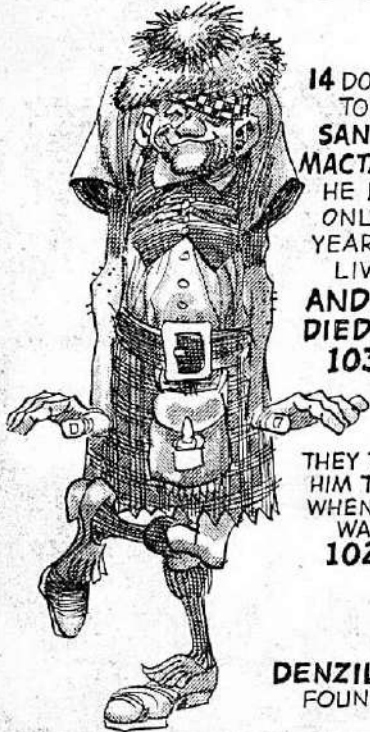


THE DINAH SHORE SHOW



Believe It or NO!!

BETTER NOT BELIEVE IT!!



14 DOCTORS
TOLD
**SANDY
MACTAVISH**
HE HAD
ONLY A
YEAR TO
LIVE—
**AND HE
DIED AT
103!**

THEY TOLD
HIM THIS
WHEN HE
WAS
102!



DENZIL ZILCH, A CIRCUS ACROBAT,
FOUND A NEW WAY TO STAND
ON HIS HEAD!



HENRY CLODD, ON A SAFARI INTO AFRICA,
FOUGHT A 480 LB. GORILLA—WITH
HIS EYES CLOSED!

LUCKY THE GORILLA COULDN'T SEE OR POOR
HENRY WOULD HAVE BEEN TORN APART!



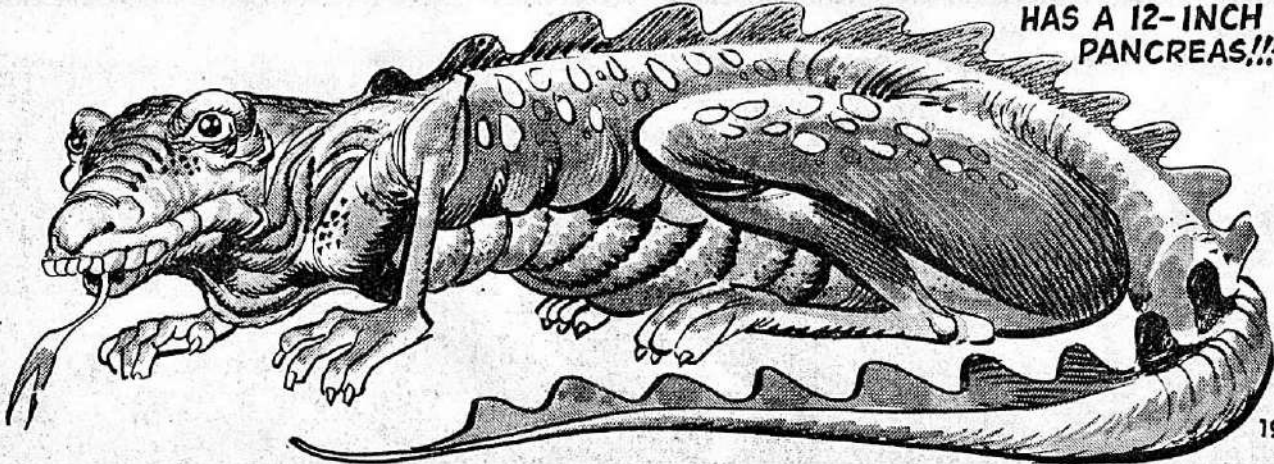
**PVT.
MALCOLM
BLURD,**
WAS
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE
DESTRUCTION
OF 2
BATTLESHIPS,
AND AN
AMMUNITION
DUMP—
**AND
NEVER
RECEIVED
A MEDAL!**



VETERAN HOTEL KEEPER BARNABY KLATCH
OF ARGENTINA, **WAS BORN IN 1794!**
(RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO 1796!)

UNFORTUNATELY THEY WERE
U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY!

THE REPTILIUS LIZARDIA OF SOUTHERN MADAGASCAR
**HAS A 12-INCH
PANCREAS!!!**



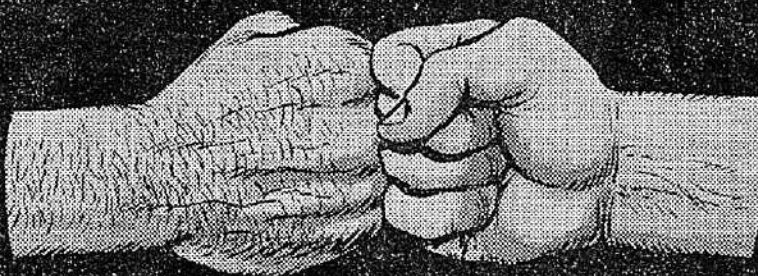
What happened to the old-fashioned handshake? Like it doesn't make it any-more! Today the hip way is to quickly brush

the palm with a patting stroke. This got us to thinking. Suppose other people had different handshakes just to fit them. . . .

HANDSHAKES



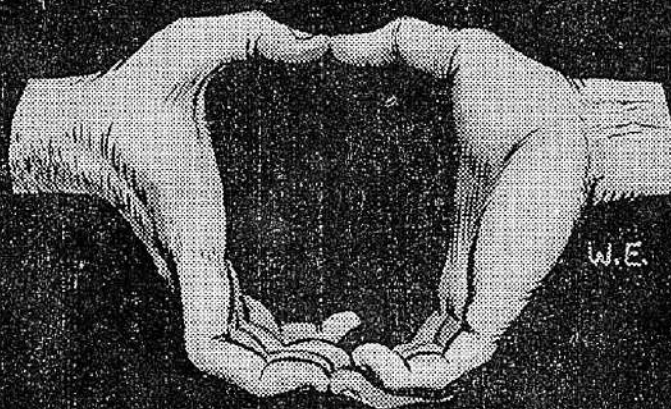
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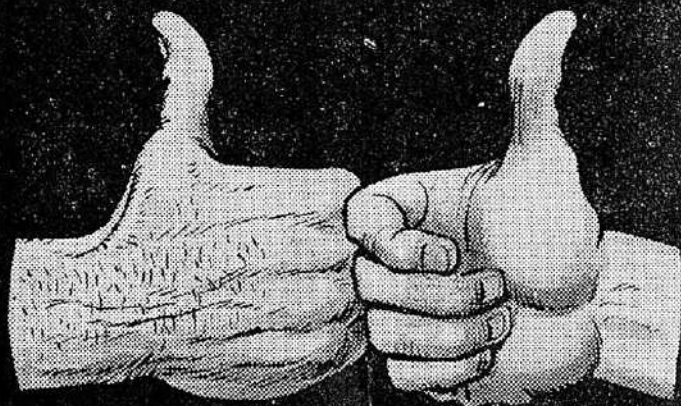
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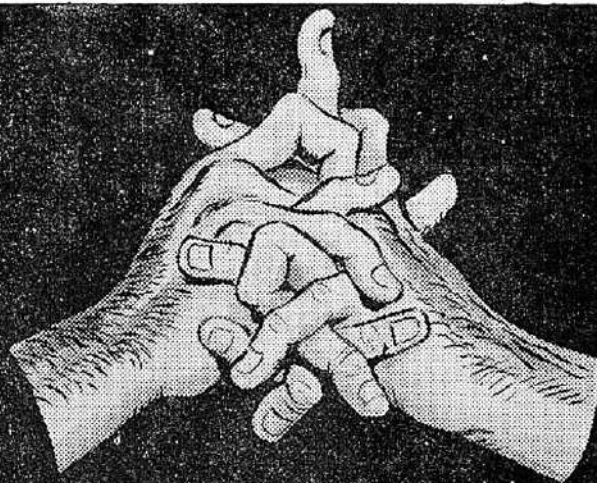
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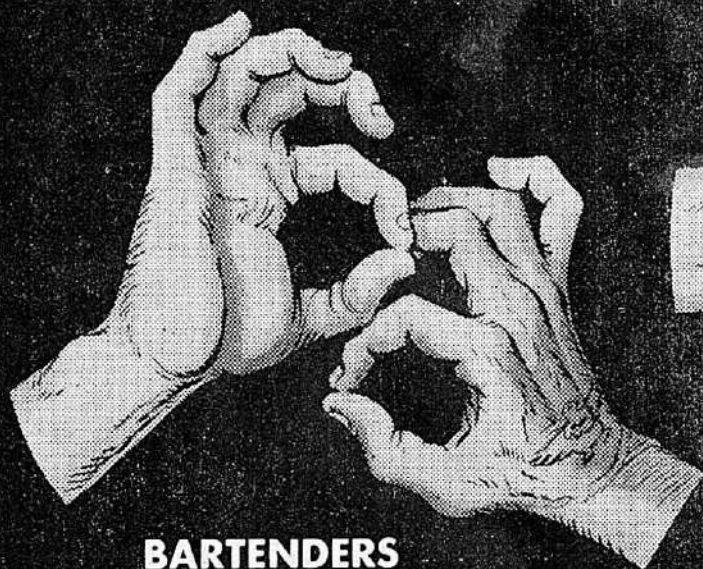
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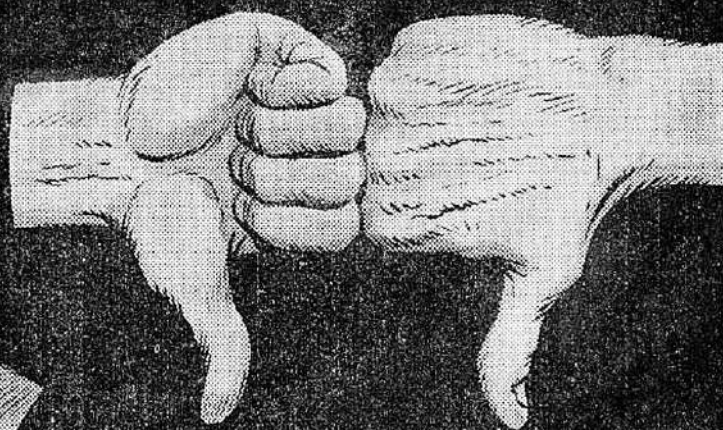
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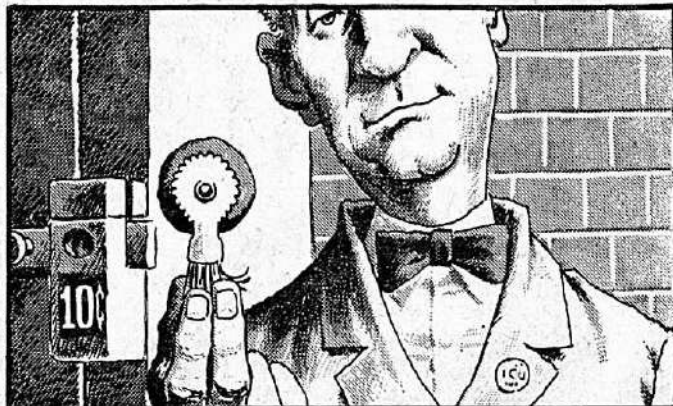
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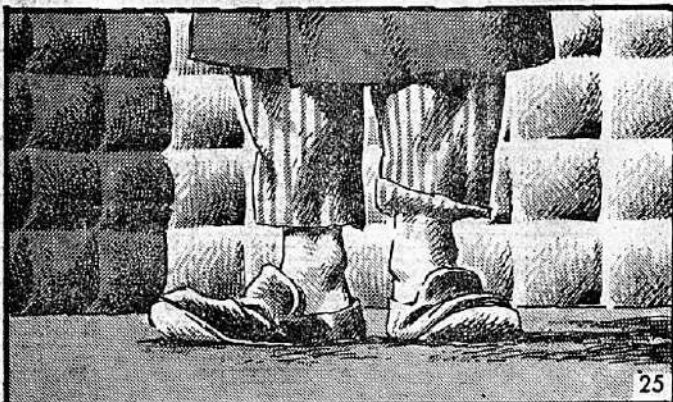
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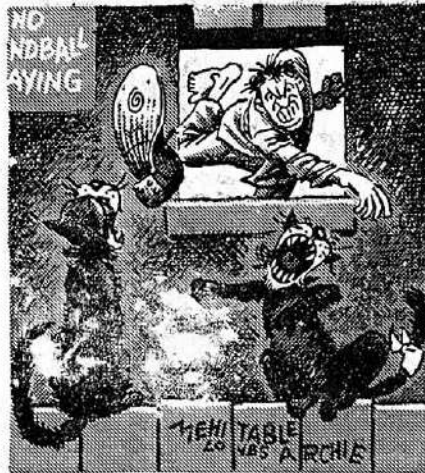
Sex (If none, write none)

Are you nervous? Unhappy? Miserable? This could mean you're in love. This could also mean you've been reading the articles up 'till now. Any way you look at it, both can be painful ordeals. To determine whether you're in love, or just a miserable clod, take this test and you'll find out...

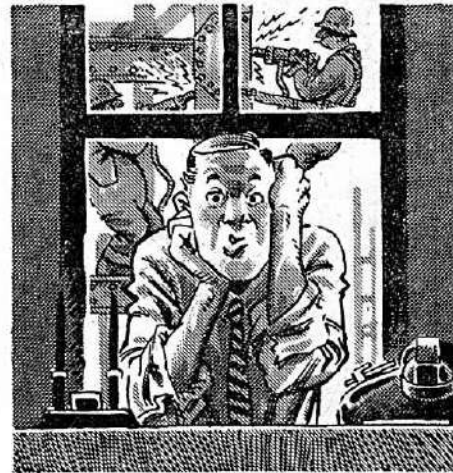
HOW TO



You can't eat.



You can't sleep



You can't seem to concentrate on your work.



You're awkward and clumsy whenever she's around



You find yourself speechless in her presence.



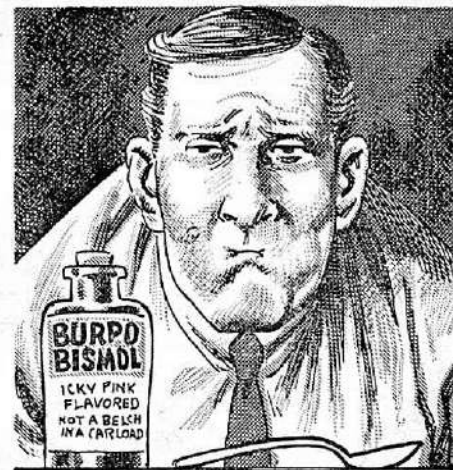
You get burning sensations when she's near you.



You just can't live without her.

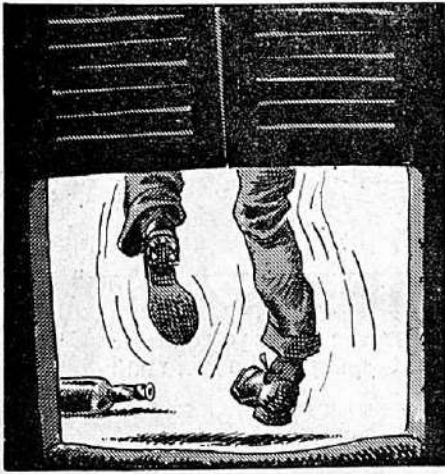


You feel like running thru the streets shouting.

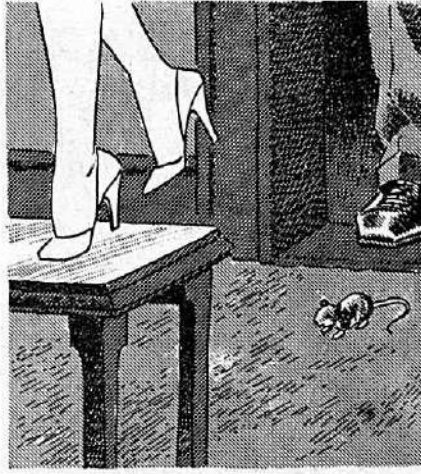


Mostly you feel like you're just plain nauseous.

TELL YOU'RE IN LOVE



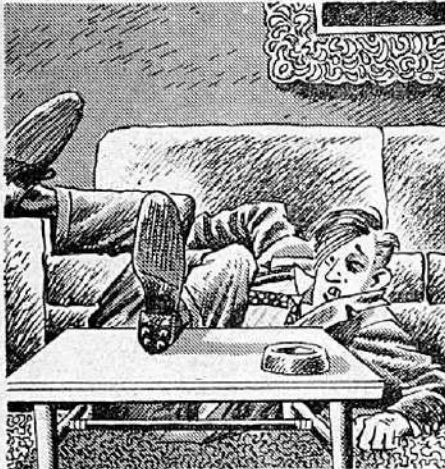
Sometimes you feel like you're walking on air.



You see her high on a pedestal.



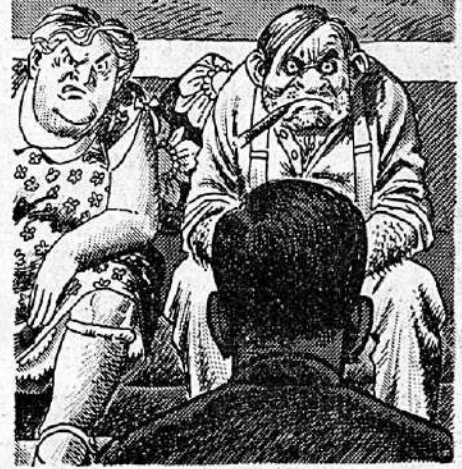
You get goose pimples when she enters the room.



You're hurt by her slightest rejection.



Your heart feels like it's on fire.



You're terrified at first meeting her parents.

NOW ADD UP YOUR SCORE AND SEE JUST WHERE YOU STAND ON CUPID'S LADDER

20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180
YOU'RE HOPELESSLY IN LOVE	YOU'RE ALMOST IN LOVE	YOU'RE SLIGHTLY IN LOVE	YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE	YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE THE GIRL	YOU HATE THE GIRL	THE GIRL HATES YOU	YOU HATE YOURSELF	WE HATE YOU

Anyone who has ever eaten in a restaurant must have come across these...

ANNOYING TABLE COMPANIONS IN



THE BLOWER

He's the clod who cools hot food by blowing on it — usually right in your face.



THE DRUMMER

He's another joker who drives you crazy — by his incessant tapping on the table and floor.



THE CLUMSY WAITER

It always seems to happen when you're wearing your new suit.



THE CHECK FIGHTERS

They're usually on each side of you — but you wind up paying the tab.

So here I am alone in this town, dying for company. All of a sudden this beautiful girl opens my hotel room door and says (*chew crunch crunch chew*)...



THE STORY STARTER

He's the guy who tells you a story and just at the good part decides to taste his food.

... I ask you, Dave, what would you have done in my place? ...



THE INTERRUPTER

He's the kind who resumes his long story everytime you're about to sip your soup.

RESTAURANTS



THE TABLE HOGGER

He takes up almost the whole table with his cup of coffee.



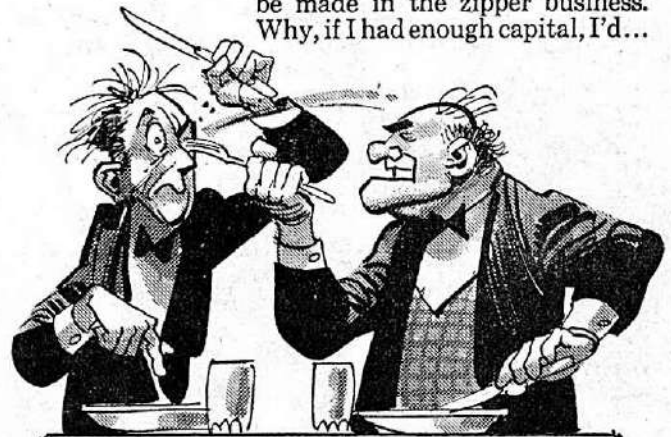
THE TABLE HOPPER

He usually comes from behind and slaps you on the back.



THE ACTOR

He's the type who talks with his hands while eating — as food goes flying around room.



THE DUELER

He's the man who talks to you while waving his knife and fork in your face.



THE OVER-EAGER BUSBOY

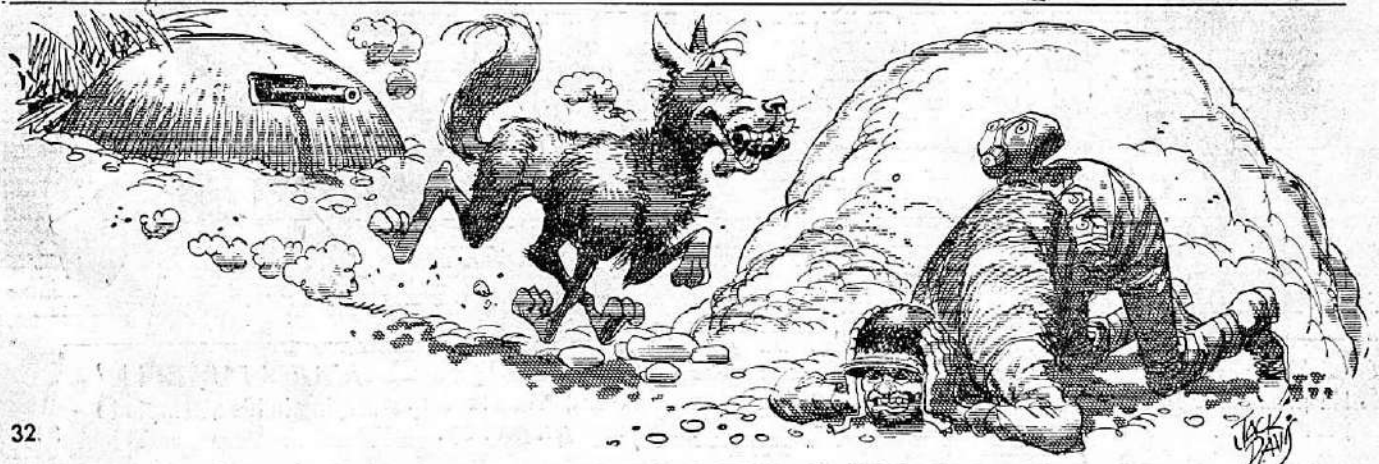
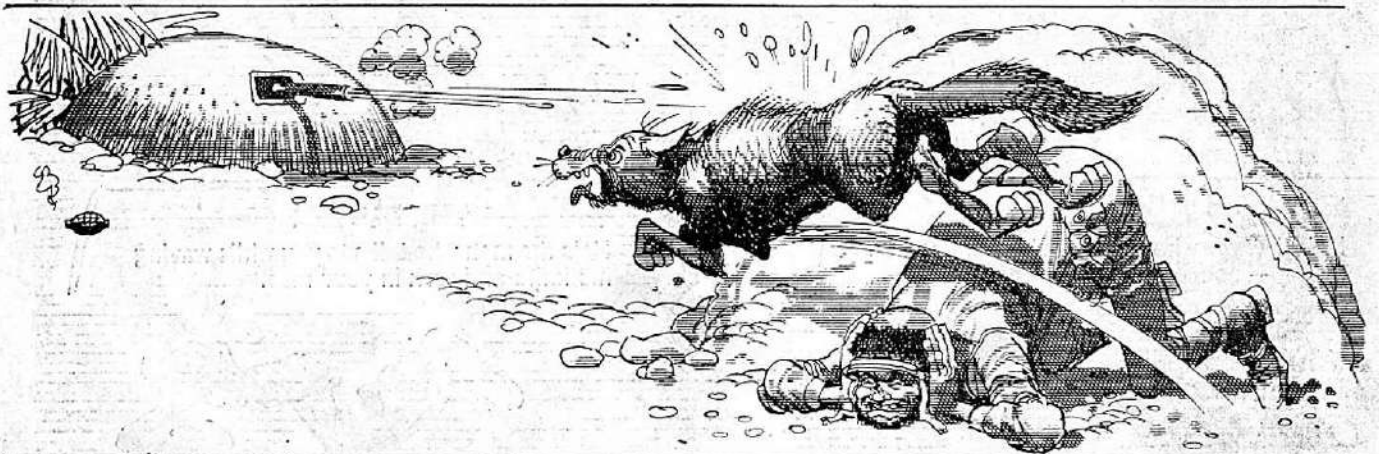
He practically grabs the food right out of your mouth.



THE OVER-ZEALOUS MAITRE D'

He can be very annoying in his attempts to get your tip.

The way that movie should've ended...

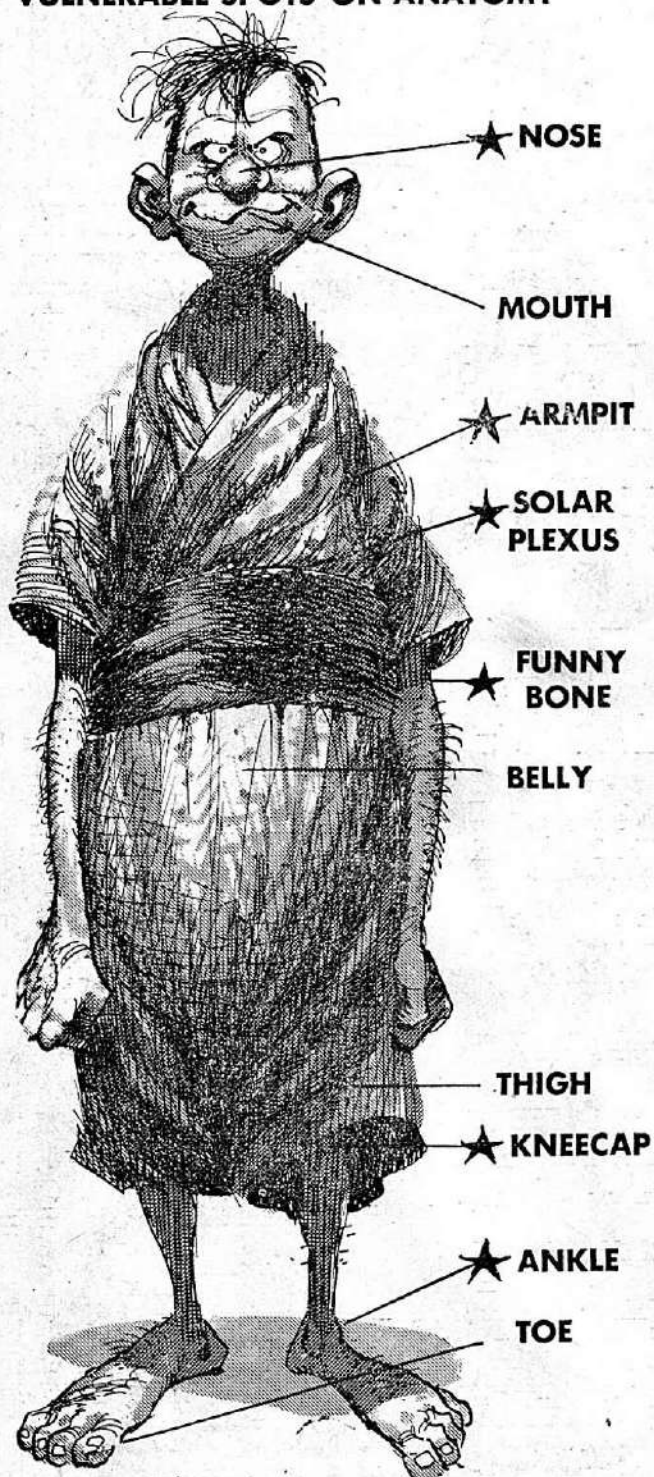


Since you're a reader of ours, we figure you often had to defend yourself from bodily harm. So like you should know how to fight back we have prepared this little article on the art of self-defense. The material used has been gathered

from our own experience, since like we here had to learn how to protect ourselves from being physically attacked — mainly because we put out articles like this one on . . .

JUDO

VULNERABLE SPOTS ON ANATOMY



THE NOSE (If he's as big as you)



Jab index finger at point directly under left nostril opening, slicing upward in sudden jerk.



This technique may run into messy complications if opponent happens to have a cold.

THE SOLAR PLEXUS (If he's bigger than you)



Thrust thumb bluntly into midsection, taking careful aim to hit vital pressure point under bottom rib.



Inaccurate aim may cause thumb to stick in belly button, giving opponent chance to club you over head.

THE KNEECAP (If he's much bigger than you)



Strike kneecap joint with full five-finger spread, hitting it with swift sharp blow curving slightly upwards.



If blow is not delivered in precise pressure area, knee may jump in reflex action and kick you in gasket.

THE ARMPIT (If you're in front of him)



Using pointed finger spread, hack away at center of armpit with short rapid stroke directly into crotch.



Should opponent happen to be ticklish, sudden jerk of arm may accidentally punch you in snout.

THE FUNNY BONE (If you're in back of him)



Punch bone at back of elbow with one quick, even shot, making sure jab is made in mid-part of joint.



Since this is funny bone, a sensitive opponent may start laughing, causing stomach to contract — and shorts to fall

THE ANKLE (If you're lying on floor)



Grab ankle bone firmly with clenched fist and twist from side to side in order to down opponent.



Take care that you twist ankle away from yourself, as opponent may topple over and crush you to death.

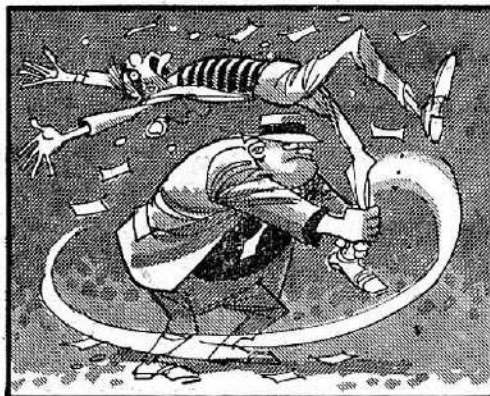
THERE ARE MANY OTHER LITTLE SIDE GIMMICKS THAT YOU CAN USE IN COMBATTING A BIGGER OPPONENT.

THE ARM HOLD



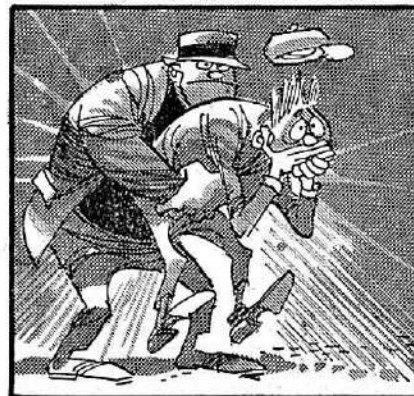
Grab arm at wrist and hack away at elbow. This will empty anything in opponent's hand.

THE LEG HOLD



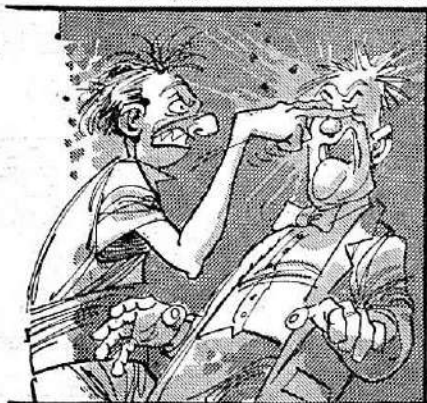
Grab leg at ankle and flip up over shoulder. This will empty anything in opponent's pockets.

THE BODY HOLD

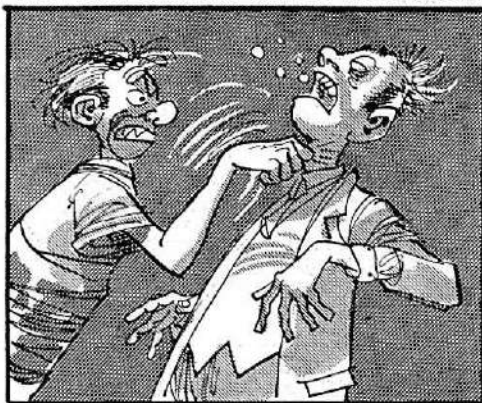


Grab body at ribs and apply crushing pressure. This will empty anything in opponent's stomach.

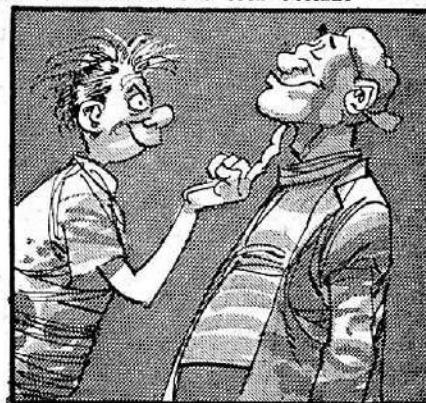
THERE ARE MANY JUDO HOLDS YOU CAN MASTER WHICH WILL DISABLE AN ATTACKER ON THE STREET



Stick fingers in opponent's eye. This causes temporary blindness and he won't see where to attack you.



Pinch opponent on the Adam's apple. This causes gurgling and he won't have the wind to attack you.



Tickle opponent under chin. This causes friendly chuckle and he won't even want to attack you.

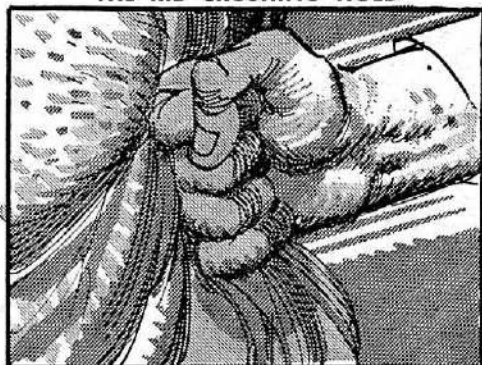
CORRECT USE OF HAND GRIPS ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT WHEN APPLYING TO SENSITIVE AREAS ON THE BODY

THE NECK TWISTING GRIP



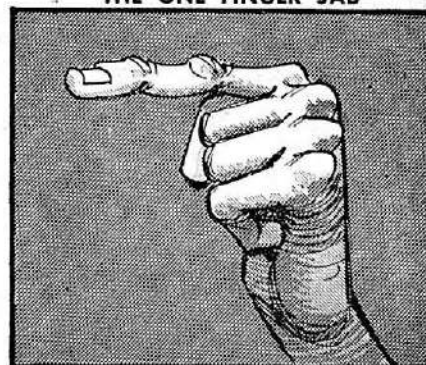
A squeeze in appropriate area will make opponent gurgle.

THE RIB CRUSHING HOLD



A tight fist grip in the appropriate area will make opponent gasp

THE ONE FINGER JAB

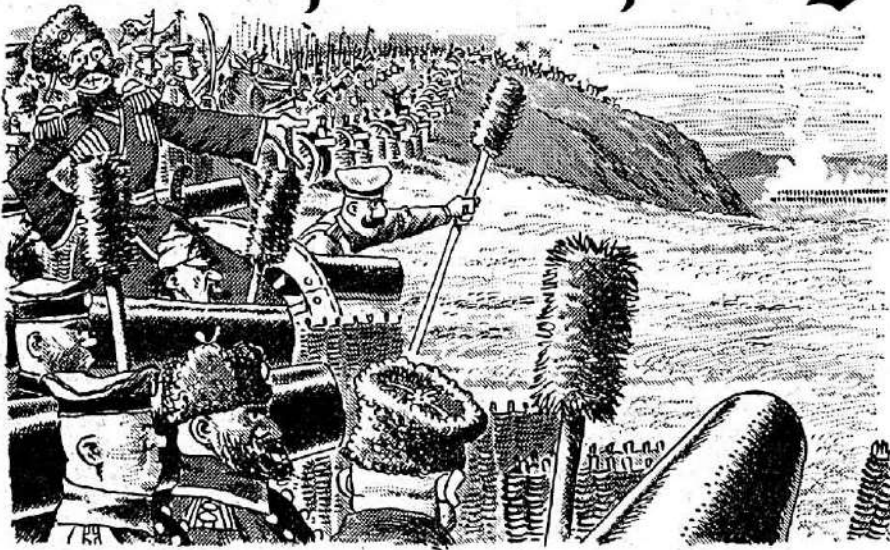


A thrust in the appropriate area will make opponent jump

CHART OF DISABLING BLOWS

TYPE OF BLOW	AREAS AFFECTED	REACTIONS
HACK	ADAM'S APPLE	Excruciating Pain, Nausea, Face Turns Purple
JAB	SOLAR PLEXUS	Stoppage of Breathing, Funny Feeling in Pancreas
KIDNEY BLOW	KIDNEYS	Rupture, Hernia, Fidgety all over
RABBIT PUNCH	BACK OF HEAD	Red Face, Loosened Teeth, Followed by Headache
SCRAPE	EAR LOBE	Ticklish Sensation, Then Wax Falls From Ears
PINCH	EYEBALLS	Erotic Sensation, Then Cloudy Vision
SLAP	CHEEK	Opponent Slaps Back
THUMB JAB	END OF SPINE	Opponent Jumps Up,
CLAP	HANDS	Opponent Takes Bow

The Charge of the



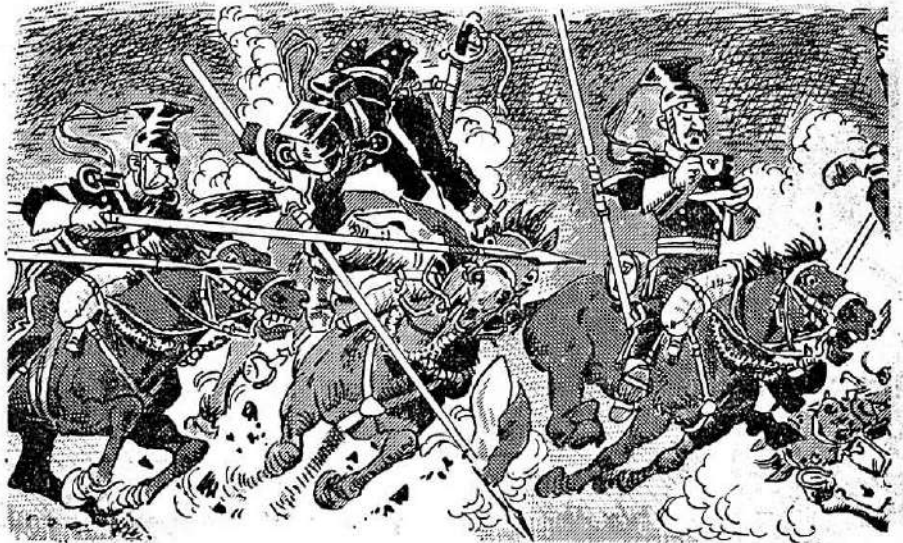
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Half a league, half a league
Half a league onward,
All in the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

"Forward, the Light Brigade!
Charge for the guns!" he said.
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

3

Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon in front of them
Volleyed and thundered;
Stormed at with shot and shell,
Boldly they rode and well,
Into the jaws of Death,
Into the mouth of Hell
Rode the six hundred.



5

Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon behind them

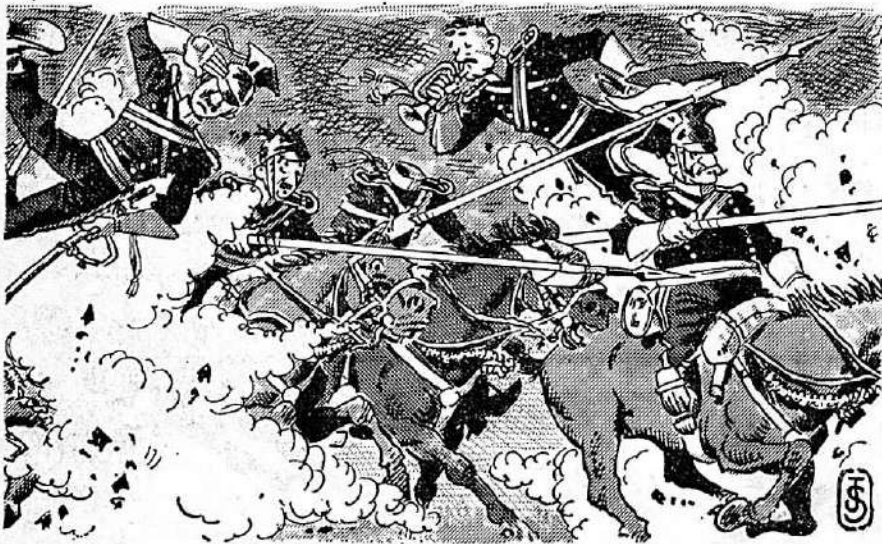
Volleyed and thundered;
Stormed at with shot and shell,
While horse and hero fell,
They that had fought so well
Came through the jaws of Death,
Back from the mouth of Hell,
All that was left of them,
Left of six hundred.



Light Brigade

2

"Forward, the Light Brigade!"
Was there a man dismayed?
Not though the soldier knew
Some one had blundered:
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die.
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.



4

Flashed all their sabres bare,
Flashed as they turned in air
Sabring the gunners there,
Charging an army, while
All the world wondered:
Plunged in the battery-smoke
Right through the line they broke;
Cossack and Russian
Reeled from the sabre-stroke
Shattered and sundered.
Then they rode back, but not,
Not the six hundred.

6

When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they made!
All the world wondered.
Honor the charge they made!
Honor the Light Brigade,
Noble six hundred!





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The Man Who Thinks For Himself Knows...

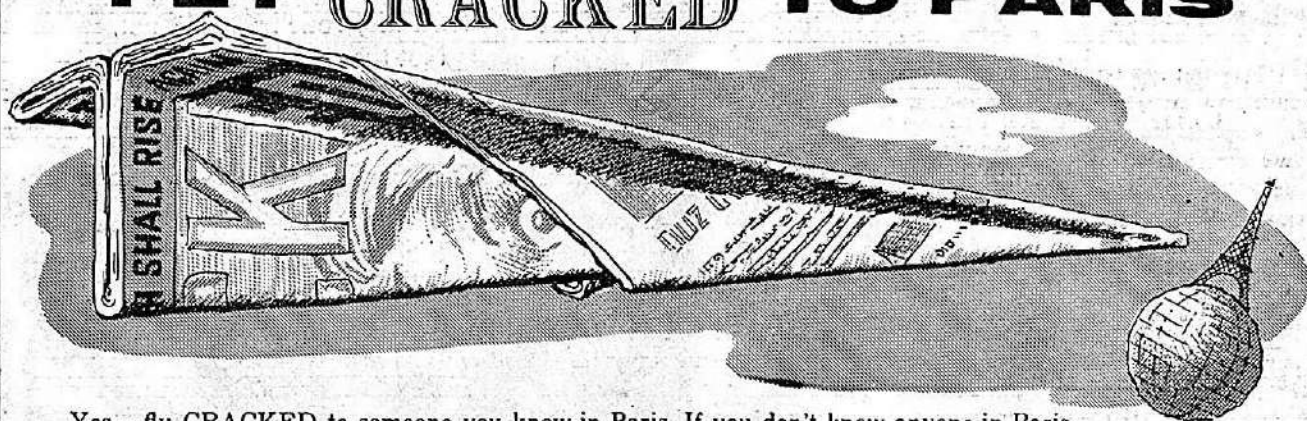


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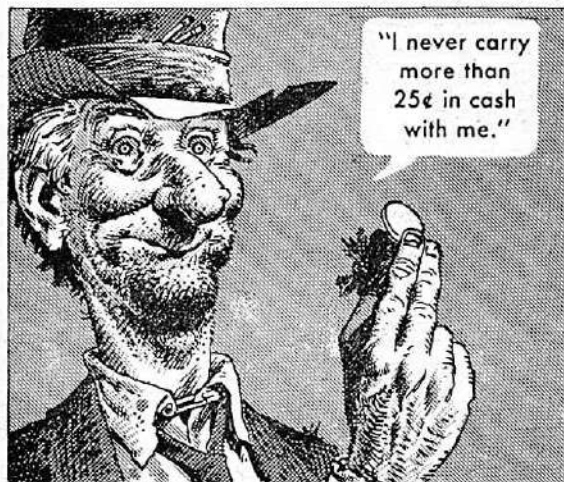


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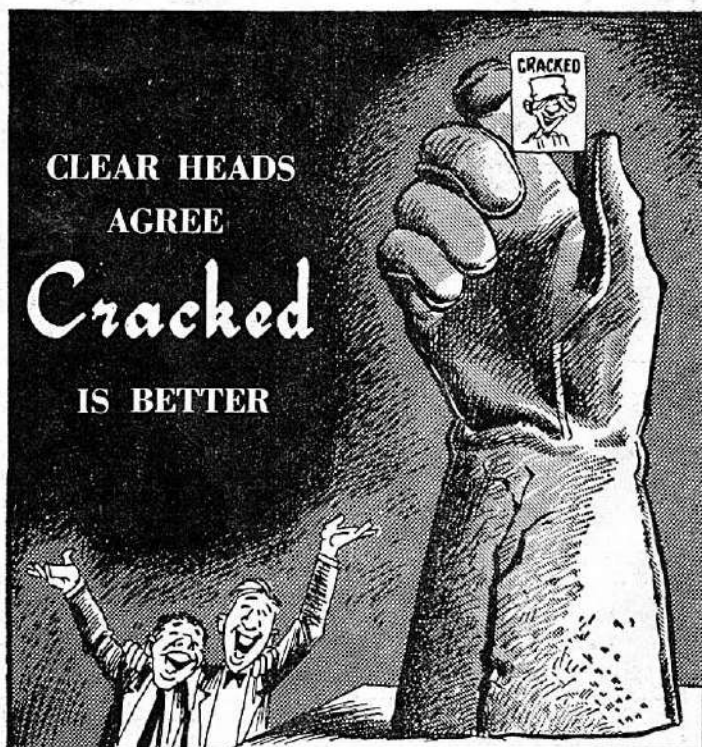


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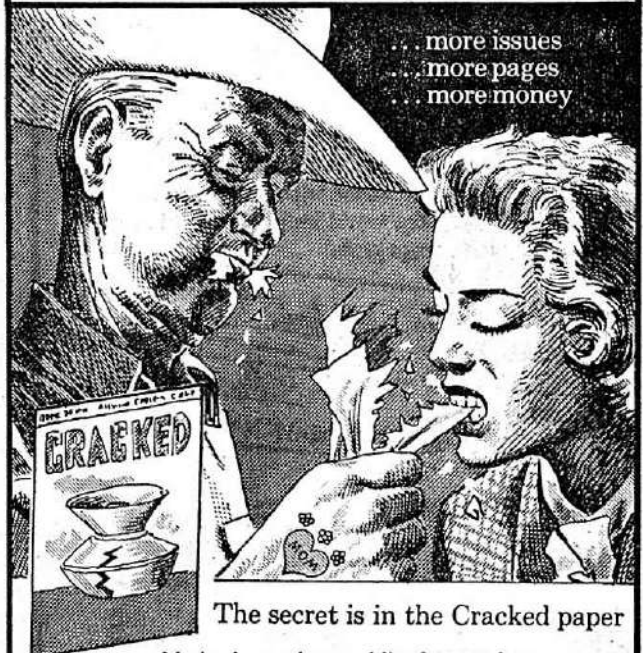
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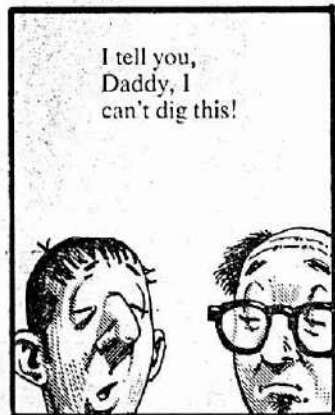
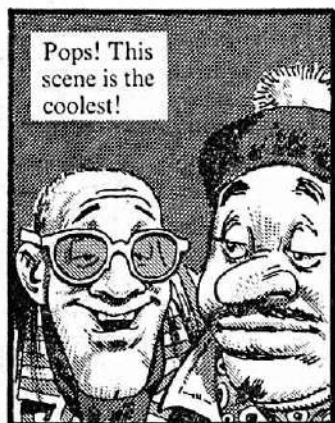


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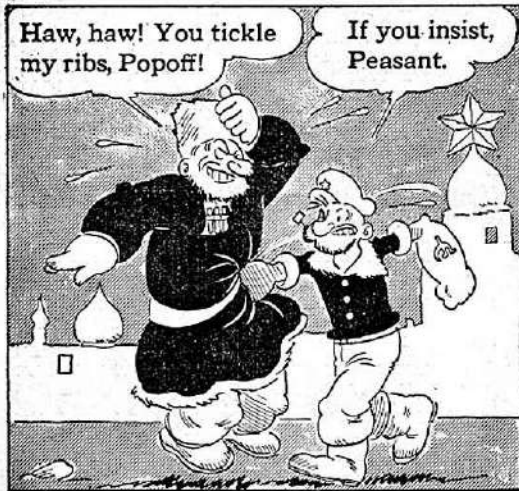


STUDENT CULTURE EXCHANGE CLASS

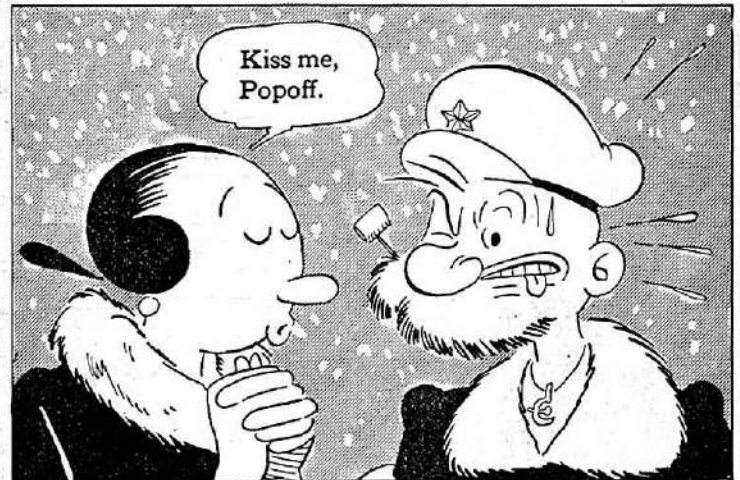
Exciting? Intriguing? Disgusting? Remember, you saw it here first. YOU remember, we're trying to forget, but wait . . . there's more yet. You've seen a typical Russian Adventure comic strip . . . Now for the Commie Comic Comics—the American debut of Rudolph the Red smeared sailor—Russian translation:

POPOFF

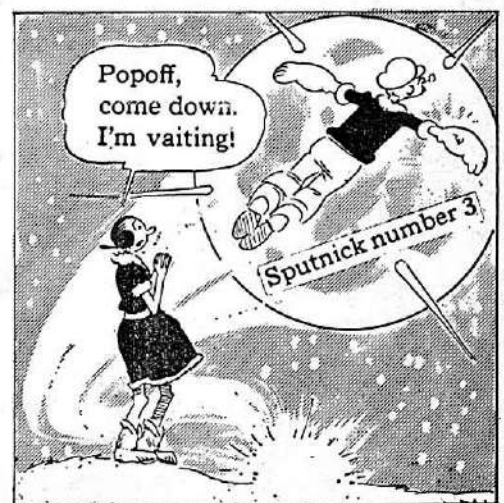
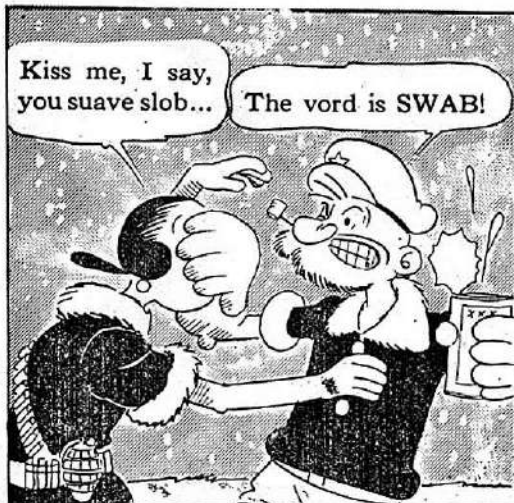
Popoff plays the role of a suave swab. Unlike the Western version, his humor is subtle, but still a rib tickler.



Popoff has a girl in every port. Her name is CaviarOil, a rare combination of ugliness and homliness.



Faced with a crisis like the one above, Popoff derives super-human strength from his can of concentrated Vodka.



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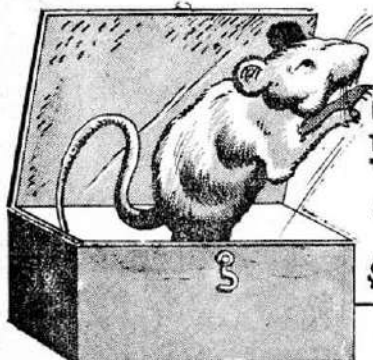


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When it all Started

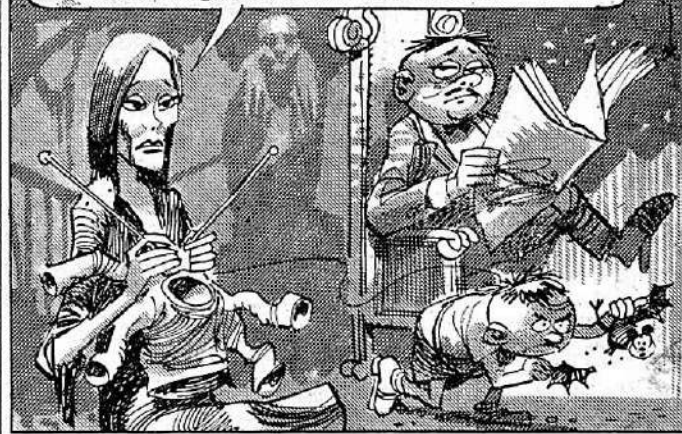
Now, Charles, take the nice gun mommy bought you and go out and play cops and robbers!



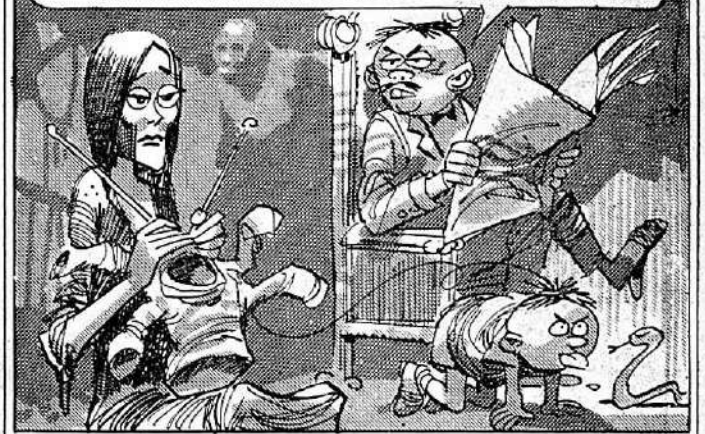
Do you think it's a good idea, exposing your son to violence at such an early age, Mrs. Luciano...



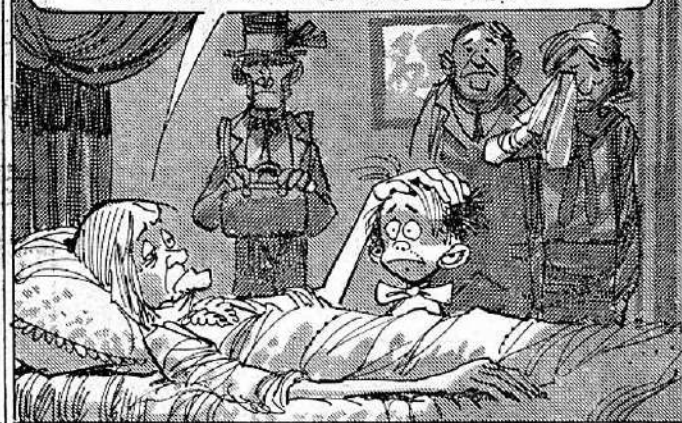
Are you sure living in a house like this is good for our son Charles?



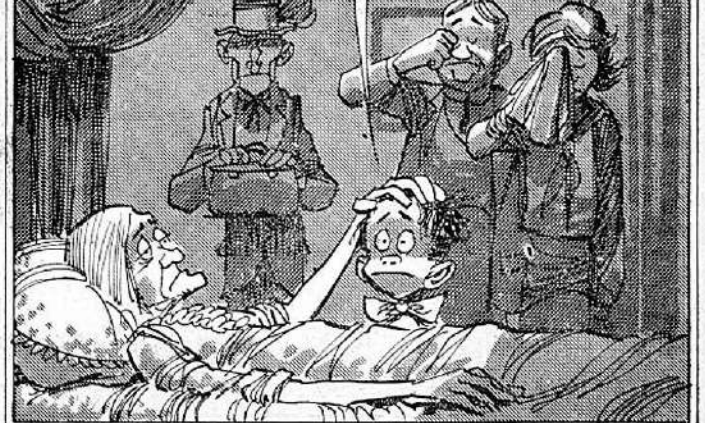
The Addams family have been living here for centuries and there's been no harm done...



Jack, a penny saved is a penny earned. Remember that to your dying day...



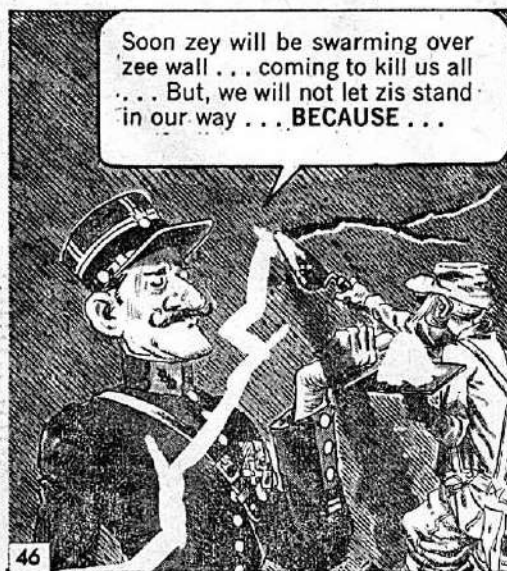
Yes, Grandma Benny...

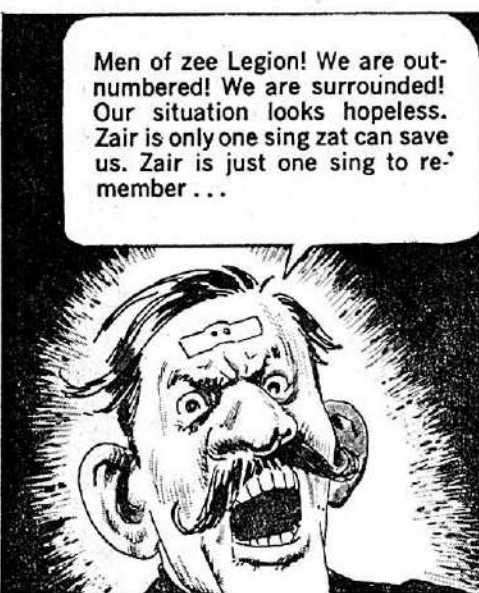


Hey you guys! Ever think of getting away from it all in some far off exotic place where adventure and romance happen all day long? You'll find just what you're looking for if you join up with men from all over the world in the . . .

FRENCH FORLORN LEGION







ARE COMICS OUR CHILDREN



LONE RANGER
MASKITIS DEMENTIA

Definite introvert type. Keeps by himself all the time. Won't let others get to know him. Wears mask to conceal probable physical deformity which he feels inferior about. Has formed abnormal relationship with a man called "Tonto," who also shows well-developed psychotic tendencies.



TARZAN
APIS PERVERSIA

Has a strange compulsion to swing from trees. Beats chest wildly and talks to animals. Engages in irregular behavior with a chimpanzee. Unmistakably atavistic nature, due to a severely retarded libido. Finds it difficult to communicate with others, probably stemming from an early childhood conflict.



LIL ABNER
DOGPATCHIS HILLBILLIA

Extraordinary case of stunted intellectual growth. Very low I. Q. is seen in his inability to make intelligent rationalization. Probably caused by a faulty upbringing by maladjusted parents. Strong-willed mother who dominates a weak father who eats nothing but pork chops. Clear oedipus complex.



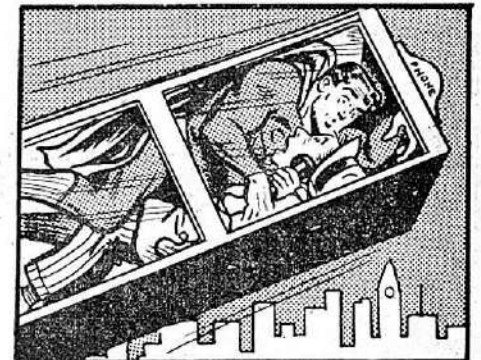
ARCHIE
TEENAGIS IMMATURA

Painfully immature. Cannot fully develop into adult. Completely typical, has no individuality. Displays violently irrational behavior. Is very accident prone, which is symbolic of a desire not to grow any further, remaining in an infantile state, completely devoid of responsibility.



MUTT AND JEFF
DOUBIS IDIOSIA

A very strange pair. Definitely a neurotic attraction, in which each finds complete fulfillment in the other. Neither ever relates at all to the opposite sex. Standard case of arrested libido growth. A good guess is that Mutt finds in Jeff the father he never had.



SUPERMAN
SCHIZOPHRENIA CLARKENTIS

Possesses an extreme split-personality. Overly meek at times, then suddenly becomes a manic-depressive. This indicates a poorly balanced psyche control. Also has a peculiar habit of disrobing in telephone booths. Can be dangerous if let loose.

RUINING

?

YES! Says Dr. O. Kropotkin, world famous psychoanalyst. Our comic heroes are all neurotic and psychotic. Children are being unhealthfully conditioned, and tend to develop the fears and anxieties of these characters. In support of his claims, Dr. Kropotkin offers the following analyses of leading comic strip heroes...

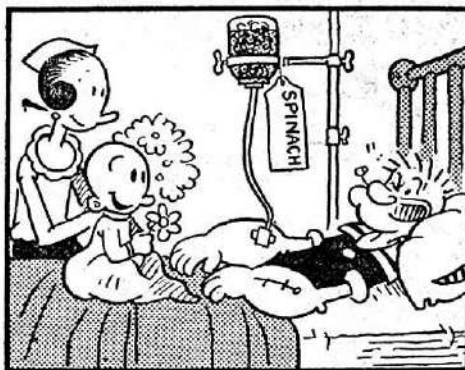


DR. OSGOOD KROPOTKIN



SMILIN' JACK
SILLYTIS GRINNIA

Contrary to name, subject never smiles. Walks around with pained expression on face, indicating excessive melancholia, due to deeply-rooted fears and anxieties. Passion for airplanes suggests immature desire to escape from reality. Unhealthfully attached to "Downwind," a strange narcissistic type.



POPEYE
SPINACHIS EATIA

Has a neurotic craving for spinach, without which subject cannot function to full potential. Going with girl named "Olive Oil" for 16 years and cannot enter into a mature marriage relationship. Instead he finds gratification in company of a paranoid named "Wimpy," who has an odd fetish for hamburgers.



FRANKENSTEIN
MONSTERIS KARLOFFA

Moody, sullen, neurotic behavior. Unable to form human relationships. Shows symptoms of reverse persecution complex. Insecurity probably due to super sensitivity with regard to his appearance. Strange walk symptomatic of inner instability. Needs love and affection to subsist normally in society.



ORPHAN ANNIE
LEAPINLIZARDS PRAECOX

Keeps wearing same dress all the time, showing complete disregard for conventional standards. Diluted pupils of the eyes indicate a rare tyoe demented make-up. Claims to hear voices of a dog named "Sandy." Conflict lies in a distorted Father image, manifesting itself in a "Daddy Warbucks."



MARY WORTH
BUTTINIS NAGIA

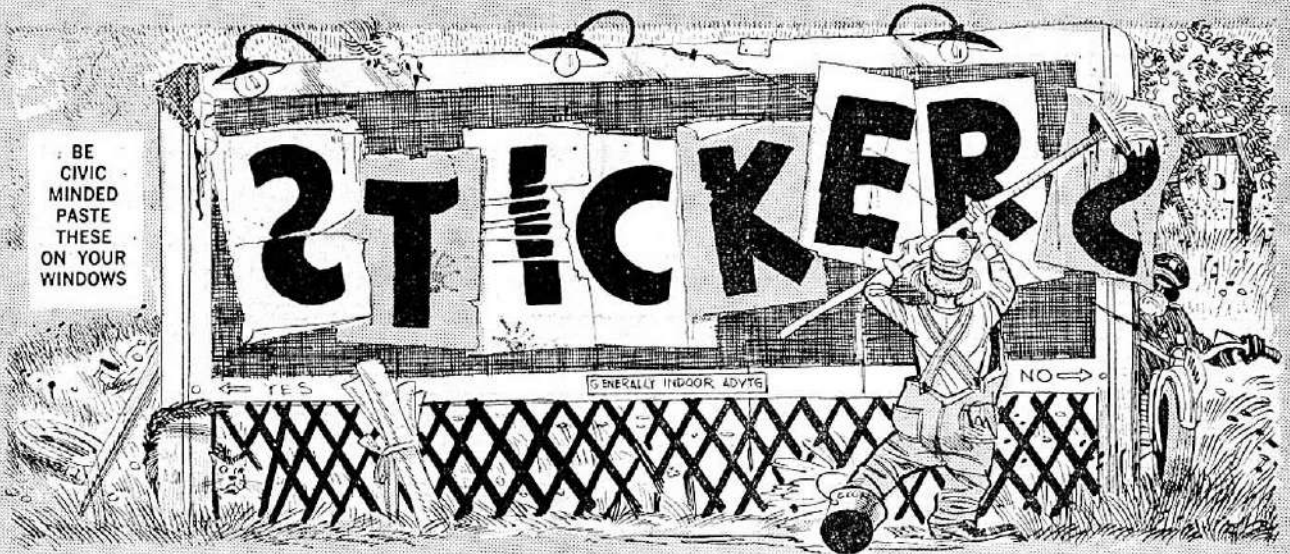
Desperately sick old lady who apparently experiences a neurotic satisfaction in constantly interfering with the lives of others, messing them up considerably. Indicates a subconscious hostility toward society in general. Maintains a mother-image personality to bring about her sick ends.



SANTA CLAUS
XMAS CHOLERIA

Decided extrovert-type. Has unnatural obsession to give away things for nothing. This is probably a cover up for guilt feelings developed in early childhood. Smiling, jovial nature is disguise against hypersensitivity due to huge size. Lives alone in remote corner of globe and talks to reindeer.

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HAVE A BOY
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NEEDY**

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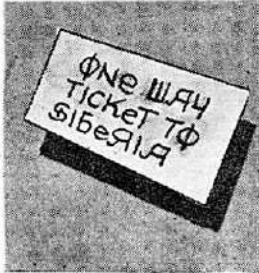
For The Man Who Has Nothing



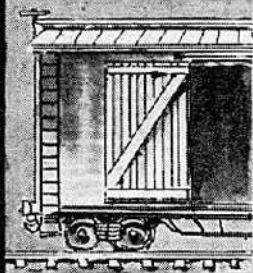
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OF CIGAR BUTTS



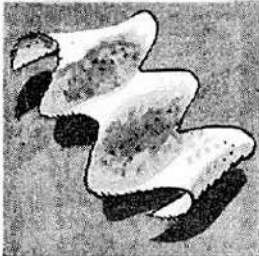
A REAL DIME FOR
A CUP OF COFFEE



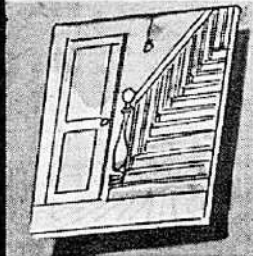
A ONE-WAY
TICKET TO SIBERIA



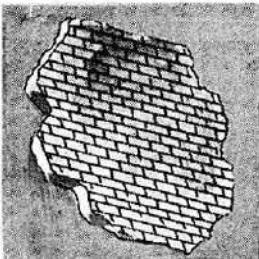
RESERVED SEAT
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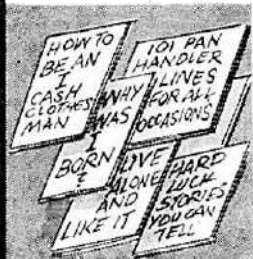
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*Sol Nero, Rome, Italy



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*D. Arnaz, Calcutta, India



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*J. Mansfield, Hollywood, Cal.

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